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MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

C. B. TILLINGHAST, <i>Chairman</i> , Boston,	.	.	term expires 1905.
Miss MABEL SIMPKINS, Yarmouth,	.	.	term expires 1904.
SAMUEL SWETT GREEN, Worcester,	.	.	term expires 1904.
HENRY S. NOURSE, Lancaster,	.	.	term expires 1903.
Miss E. P. SOHIER, <i>Secretary</i> , Beverly,	.	.	term expires 1902.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was organized, the commission herewith presents its twelfth report, covering the calendar year 1901.

BOOKS SUPPLIED DURING THE YEAR.

The towns of New Marlborough and Gay Head have been supplied with \$100 worth of books each during the year, under the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890; and the following towns have been supplied with a first instalment of books, under the provisions of chapter 233 of the Acts of 1900: —

Ashby,	East Longmeadow,	Otis,
Berlin,	Granby,	Plainfield,
Bolton,	Greenwich,	Rochester,
Boxborough,	Hampden,	Rowe,
Brimfield,	Hancock,	Royalston,
Burlington,	Heath,	Sandisfield,
Carlisle,	Huntington,	Truro,
Charlemont,	Leverett,	Tyngsborough,
Chesterfield,	Mendon,	Tyringham,
Chilmark,	Middlefield,	Warwick,
Colrain,	New Braintree,	Wendell,
Dana,	Norfolk,	Windsor. — 38.
Dunstable,	Orleans,	

The administration of this law, which authorizes the commission, at its discretion, to expend \$100 in the purchase of books for the free public library of any town the valuation of which is under \$600,000, has been conducted with conservatism and care. The commission has in all cases required the assurance that the town receiving the benefit of the act was disposed to

take all reasonable means to make the books accessible to the people and useful to the schools. The disposition of the towns generally to do this is highly commendable. The following towns were entitled to the benefit of this act : —

Alford,	Granville,	Paxton,
<i>Ashby,</i>	<i>Greenwich,</i>	Pelham,
Auburn,	Halifax,	Peru,
Berkley,	<i>Hampden,</i>	Phillipston,
<i>Berlin,</i>	<i>Hancock,</i>	<i>Plainfield,</i>
Blandford,	Hawley,	Plympton,
<i>Bolton,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	Prescott,
<i>Boxborough,</i>	Holland,	Richmond,
Boylston,	<i>Huntington,</i>	<i>Rochester,</i>
<i>Brimfield,</i>	Lakeville,	<i>Rowe,</i>
<i>Burlington,</i>	Lanesborough,	<i>Royalston,</i>
<i>Carlisle,</i>	<i>Leverett,</i>	Russell,
<i>Charlemont,</i>	Leyden,	Rutland,
Chester,	Mashpee,	<i>Sandisfield,</i>
<i>Chesterfield,</i>	<i>Mendon,</i>	Savoy,
Chilmark,	<i>Middlefield,</i>	Shutesbury,
Clarksburg,	Middleton,	Southwick,
<i>Colrain,</i>	Monroe,	Sunderland,
<i>Dana,</i>	Monterey,	Tolland,
<i>Dunstable,</i>	Montgomery,	<i>Truro,</i>
<i>Eastham,</i>	Mount Washington,	<i>Tyngsborough,</i>
<i>East Longmeadow,</i>	New Ashford,	<i>Tyringham,</i>
Egremont,	<i>New Braintree,</i>	Wales,
Erving,	New Marlborough,	<i>Warwick,</i>
Florida,	New Salem,	Washington,
Gay Head,	<i>Norfolk,</i>	<i>Wendell,</i>
Gill,	North Reading,	West Stockbridge,
Goshen,	Oakham,	Whately,
Gosnold,	<i>Orleans,</i>	<i>Windsor. — 89.</i>
<i>Granby,</i>	<i>Otis,</i>	

A first instalment, averaging about \$50 worth of books, has thus far been supplied to each town italicized in the above list.

ONLY TWO TOWNS WITHOUT FREE LIBRARIES.

The towns of New Marlborough and Gay Head having established libraries during the year, the only towns now in the State without free public libraries are Lakeville and Norwell. The aggregate population of these towns is 2,518, or less than one-eleventh of one per cent. of the population of the State.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the free library facilities they now enjoy:—

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people.

Abington,	Chesterfield,	Greenwich,
Acushnet,	Chicopee,	Groton,
Adams,	Chilmark,	Groveland,
Agawam,	Clarksburg,	Hadley,
Alford,	Clinton,	Halifax,
Amesbury,	Cohasset,	Hamilton,
Andover,	Colrain,	Hampden,
Arlington,	Conway,	Hancock,
Ashburnham,	Dalton,	Hanover,
Ashby,	Dana,	Hanson,
Ashland,	Dartmouth,	Hardwick,
Athol,	Dedham,	Harvard,
Attleborough,	Deerfield,	Hatfield,
Auburn,	Dennis,	Hawley,
Avon,	Dighton,	Heath,
Bellingham,	Douglas,	Holbrook,
Belmont,	Dover,	Holden,
Berkley,	Dracut,	Holland,
Berlin,	Dudley,	Holliston,
Beverly,	Dunstable,	Hopedale,
Blackstone,	East Bridgewater,	Hubbardston,
Blandford,	Eastham,	Hudson,
Bolton,	East Longmeadow,	Hull,
Boston,	Edgartown,	Huntington,
Bourne,	Egremont,	Hyde Park,
Boxborough,	Erving,	Kingston,
Boylston,	Essex,	Lancaster,
Bridgewater,	Everett,	Lanesborough,
Brimfield,	Fall River,	Leicester,
Brockton,	Falmouth,	Leominster,
Brookfield,	Fitchburg,	Leverett,
Brookline,	Florida,	Leyden,
Burlington,	Foxborough,	Longmeadow,
Cambridge,	Framingham,	Lowell,
Canton,	Freetown,	Ludlow,
Carlisle,	Gay Head,	Lunenburg,
Carver,	Gill,	Lynn,
Charlemont,	Goshen,	Lynnfield,
Charlton,	Gosnold,	Manchester,
Chelmsford,	Granby,	Mansfield,
Chelsea,	Granville,	Marblehead,
Chester,	Greenfield,	Marlborough,

Marshfield,	Pelham,	Swansea,
Mashpee,	Pepperell,	Taunton,
Mattapoisett,	Peru,	Templeton,
Maynard,	Phillipston,	Tewksbury,
Medfield,	Plainfield,	Tolland,
Medford,	Plympton,	Topsfield,
Medway,	Prescott,	Townsend,
Melrose,	Provincetown,	Truro,
Mendon,	Quincy,	Tyngsborough,
Merrimac,	Reading,	Tyringham,
Middleborough,	Revere,	Upton,
Middlefield,	Richmond,	Uxbridge,
Middleton,	Rochester,	Wakefield,
Milford,	Rockland,	Wales,
Millbury,	Rockport,	Walpole,
Millis,	Rowe,	Waltham,
Milton,	Rowley,	Warwick,
Monroe,	Royalston,	Watertown,
Montague,	Russell,	Wayland,
Monterey,	Rutland,	Webster,
Montgomery,	Salisbury,	Wellfleet,
Mount Washington,	Sandisfield,	Wendell,
Nahant,	Sandwich,	Wenham,
Natick,	Saugus,	Westborough,
Needham,	Savoy,	West Boylston,
New Ashford,	Seekonk,	West Bridgewater,
New Bedford,	Sharon,	West Brookfield,
New Braintree,	Sheffield,	Westford,
Newburyport,	Shelburne,	Westminster,
New Marlborough,	Sherborn,	West Newbury,
New Salem,	Shirley,	Weston,
Newton,	Shrewsbury,	Westport,
Norfolk,	Shutesbury,	West Springfield,
North Adams,	Somerset,	West Stockbridge,
Northampton,	Somerville,	Westwood,
North Andover,	Southborough,	Weymouth,
North Attleborough,	Southbridge,	Whately,
Northborough,	South Hadley,	Whitman,
North Brookfield,	Southwick,	Wilbraham,
Northfield,	Spencer,	Williamsburg,
North Reading,	Sterling,	Williamstown,
Norwood,	Stoneham,	Wilmington,
Oakham,	Stoughton,	Winchendon,
Orange,	Stow,	Winchester,
Orleans,	Sturbridge,	Windsor,
Otis,	Sudbury,	Winthrop,
Oxford,	Sunderland,	Worcester,
Paxton,	Sutton,	Wrentham. — 272.
Peabody,	Swampscott,	

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Acton,	Franklin,	Malden,
Ayer,	Georgetown,	Methuen,
Barre,	Grafton,	Norton,
Bedford,	Haverhill,	Pembroke,
Belchertown,	Hingham,	Petersham,
Bernardston,	Hinsdale,	Pittsfield,
Braintree,	Holyoke,	Randolph,
Concord,	Lawrence,	Salem,
Cummington,	Lenox,	Springfield,
Danvers,	Lexington,	Warren,
Easthampton,	Lincoln,	Westfield,
Enfield,	Littleton,	Woburn. — 36.

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Amherst,	Great Barrington,	Scituate,
Ashfield,	Harwich,	Southampton,
Boxford,	Lee,	Stockbridge,
Brewster,	Monson,	Tisbury,
Chatham,	Nantucket,	Ware,
Cheshire,	Northbridge,	Wellesley,
Cottage City,	Palmer,	Westhampton,
Duxbury,	Plymouth,	West Tisbury,
Gardner,	Princeton,	Worthington. — 27.

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Barnstable,	Fairhaven,	Raynham,
Becket,	Gloucester,	Rehoboth,
Billerica,	Hopkinton,	Wareham,
Buckland,	Ipswich,	Yarmouth. — 14.
Easton,	Marion,	

CLASS 5.

Towns which have the free use of public libraries in other places.

Newbury,	Newburyport Public Library,
Washington,	Becket Athenæum. — 2.

CLASS 6.

Towns having no free public library privileges.

Lakeville,

Norwell. — 2.

GIFTS, NEW BUILDINGS AND BETTERMENTS.

Since the last report of the commission the following facts have been gleaned respecting new library buildings, new features of administration, and gifts of various kinds to Massachusetts libraries:—

AMESBURY. The new library building is nearly ready for occupancy.

A somewhat larger expenditure than originally contemplated has been found advisable, and for this and other reasons the construction and furnishing have been somewhat delayed.

ARLINGTON. A marble statue, representing Nydia, the blind girl of Pompeii, has been given the library by Mrs. Samuel C. Bushnell. A branch reading room and delivery station have been established at Arlington Heights; and a children's room was opened in July, 1900, wherein books are arranged in classified order upon shelves freely accessible.

ASHBY. Mr. J. F. Lyman, a summer resident of Ashby, has offered to give \$250 for the purchase of books for the library, conditional upon the raising of a like sum by subscription. The beautiful new library is nearly completed.

ASHLAND. The will of the late Mary A. Ready of Ashland, filed for probate in April, 1901, contains a bequest of \$25 for the benefit of the public library.

BARNSTABLE. The Cotuit Library Association has enlarged and improved its building at a probable cost of between \$1,200 and \$1,500, the money for which improvement has been raised by a general subscription. The Osterville Public Library has received gifts of \$25 from Mr. Frank Day of Boston, \$50 from Brown University students and 110 volumes from the Wianno Book Club and the Crosby House.

BELMONT. Miss Grace C. Foss, in furtherance of the wishes of the late Miss Sarah G. Clark, has presented to the library a bust of Miss Clark's father, Peter Clark, who was born in 1769, and upon the incorporation of Belmont, in 1809, cast the first vote in its first town meeting, being then the oldest citizen of the new town. Mr. Henry O. Underwood is erecting a substantial brick building, planned for library use, and architecturally an ornament to the town, which upon completion he will present to his fellow citizens of Belmont. It is expected to cost from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

BOLTON. Miss Annie Eliza Whitney of Lancaster, for herself and as executrix of the will of her sister Emma, has given to the town of Bolton, of which she is a native, the sum of \$10,000 for a

library building, as a memorial to their father, Captain Joseph Whitney. She requires the town to furnish an acceptable site and suitable foundations. The building is to be of brick, with stone trimmings. The town is also required to pay annually to Miss Whitney during her life, if she so demands, \$120. Citizens stand ready to give a suitable site, and Mr. Alfred Stone, a Providence architect, a native of Bolton, offers to furnish plans.

BOSTON. The elaborate ceiling decoration of the delivery hall was completed early in August. The remainder of Edwin A. Abbey's scheme of wall decoration for the same room is now on exhibition in New York, and it is expected will be in place before many months.

BOURNE. The library receives an annual gift of \$25 from Mrs. John Parkinson. This is expended for books suited for children. Mrs. C. H. Taylor has given a goodly number of volumes the past year.

BREWSTER. The Ladies' Library Association has received a gift of \$30 from the Lend-a-Hand Club.

BROCKTON. The library has been enriched by the valuable musical collection of John A. Howard, presented by Miss Julia M. Howard of Brighton. This collection embraces 104 bound volumes, 36 pamphlets and 20 portfolios of sheet music.

CAMBRIDGE. Through Miss Mary Woodman the library has received over 500 volumes, chiefly local histories and family genealogies, from the estate of the late Cyrus Woodman of Cambridge. Plans for enlarging the book stacks and working room are under consideration.

CANTON. The building to be presented by Augustus Hemenway to the town of Canton for library purposes is in an advanced stage of construction, but will probably not be ready for occupancy before next summer. It is of purely classic architecture, built of Indiana limestone and hard red brick, one story in height. Its estimated cost is \$70,000. The roof is of copper. The main entrance is approached by a flight of limestone steps and flanked by two massive limestone columns. The vestibule is about 25 feet square, and has a domed ceiling, tiled walls and marble floor. On either side of it are reading rooms, 21 by 30 feet, one being finished in Sienna, the other in French marble. At the rear of the vestibule is the small delivery room and a three-storied stack, each story $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet in height, the flooring being of glass and iron. A winding iron staircase gives access to these stories, and a book elevator will be provided. The basement is divided into five rooms, giving accommodations for lavatories, storage, boilers, etc. The building will be wired for electric lighting.

CARVER. One hundred volumes have been presented to the library by Mr. George Van Schaack of New York, in memory of his sister, the late Sarah Van Schaack.

CHATHAM. The Eldredge Library acknowledges the gift of 100 volumes from Mrs. Margaret C. Wade of Newton Centre and of \$108.95 from the summer guests at Hotel Mattaquason, this sum being the proceeds of concerts at the hotel.

CHESHIRE. The Cheshire Library Association has received a gift of \$275 from William G. Waterman of Dundee, Ill., which will cancel the debt upon the new building. Mr. Waterman was formerly a resident of Cheshire, and a brother-in-law of the late E. D. Foster, the founder of the Cheshire Library.

CHILMARK. The women of Chilmark have raised \$500 for a library building fund, and expended \$100 for a lot. A town meeting vote, promising assistance, gives hope that the building will soon be erected.

CLINTON. Mr. Andrew Carnegie, having been solicited for aid to enable Clinton to build a much-needed library building, has made reply through his private secretary as follows: "If Clinton will furnish a suitable site, and agree through ordinance of council to maintain the library at a cost not less than \$2,500 a year, Mr. Carnegie will be glad to give \$25,000 for a free library building." The gift has been accepted, and an excellent site purchased by the town, at a cost of \$15,000. The sum of \$15,000 was also appropriated for the building.

CONWAY. The costly marble building presented to Conway by Marshall Field of Chicago, a native of Conway, as a memorial to his parents, John and Fidelia Nash Field, was dedicated with due ceremony on July 13, 1901, about one year from the laying of the corner-stone. The expenditure upon the structure, exclusive of all furniture, lighting and heating plants, plumbing, grading and planting the grounds, was \$100,000. Mr. Field has added to this munificent gift an endowment fund of \$52,000 invested in four per cent. gold bonds of the Erie Railway, and 5,000 volumes of select literature. The building is of strictly classic architecture, 85 feet in length of façade by 66 feet in width. The entrance vestibule is flanked by two Ionic columns, approached by a flight of nineteen granite steps. Above the high basement courses of dressed granite, the exterior construction is of Bedford limestone from Indiana. The roof is sheathed with copper, and above it rises a dome 25 feet in diameter, in which are twelve lights of curved plate glass, crowning a rotunda which is 28 feet in diameter and 47 feet in height. On the north and south of the rotunda are two reading rooms, each 25 by 28 feet

in plan, and 20 feet high. At the rear is the stack room, 21 by 25 feet, shelved for 20,000 volumes. The stack is of the steel pattern, manufactured by the Library Bureau of Chicago. The interior finish of the reading rooms, and the furniture, are of quartered oak; while the rotunda, or delivery room, has a high wainscot of violet breccia marble, and eight Ionic columns of the same support the dome. The floor is of Italian mosaic, and the classic ornamentation of the walls above the wainscot is of stucco work. The rooms are lighted by electricity.

DALTON. Mr. Zenas Crane has added \$500 to the funds of the Dalton Free Public Library.

DARTMOUTH. The Southworth family of Springfield continues its generous interest in the Southworth Library at South Dartmouth, founded by John H. Southworth. Mrs. Southworth has recently aided it by a contribution of \$50, and her daughters have added nearly 50 volumes to its shelves.

DENNIS. The trustees of the Jacob Sears Memorial Library at East Dennis acknowledge the gifts of \$50 from J. Montgomery Sears and \$25 from S. F. Kelley.

DIGHTON. "All the labor of librarian, and other work necessary for carrying on the library, have been done by residents in the near vicinity gratuitously; the young ladies especially being at all times ready to help."

DOUGLAS. By the will of the late Mary A. Keith of Douglas the public library will receive a bequest of \$200.

DRACUT. Although exceedingly tardy in their establishment of a free public library, — it was not opened for use until Dec. 8, 1900, — the people of Dracut have proved themselves enthusiastic and progressive in its administration. The library managers have already organized three branches or delivery stations to supply with books the outlying districts known as Collinsville, Kenwood and Navy Yard. Each of these is furnished with a card catalogue. A room in the central station is to be fitted up for a historical museum. A valuable ornithological collection is now on exhibition, loaned by Mr. Calvin Richardson. The Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R., has contributed 358 volumes, chiefly of American history, and has collected \$125 for a memorial to the wife of Brig.-Gen. James Varnum, a Dracut soldier in the revolutionary war.

DUDLEY. The new library building was completed in February, 1901. Besides the lot in Chaseville, valued at \$400, the Stevens Linen Works have furnished it with a concrete floor for the basement, the furnace, wiring for electric lights, and two steel stacks for books. The town's appropriation for the building was \$2,500, and the whole cost was about \$3,300.

DUXBURY. It is proposed to establish a small branch library in any section of the town where some responsible person will volunteer to act as branch librarian, and another will agree to transfer the boxes of books once a week gratuitously.

EASTHAMPTON. What may be called the "rotation system" has been tried, and given general satisfaction. Books from different classes are placed upon tables in the delivery room, where the public has free access to them, these books being changed from time to time.

EASTON. Through the generosity of Miss Mary S. Ames, a handsome maple flooring has been laid in the hall and stack room of the Ames Free Library.

FAIRHAVEN. Mr. H. H. Rogers, the lavish benefactor of Fairhaven, has bestowed the stock of the Fairhaven Water Company upon the Millicent Library as an endowment. The income derived from this is now about \$8,000 per annum.

FALMOUTH. The building recently completed for the Falmouth Free Public Library is also a memorial to the men who served for the town in the civil war. Its walls are of gray mottled brick, with Indiana limestone trimmings, above a basement of granite from local quarries. It includes on the main floor a central delivery room, 17 feet by 25 feet, with commodious reading rooms on the right and left; a book room, with steel stacks having a capacity for 12,000 volumes at the rear, outer and inner vestibules; and rooms for trustees and librarian. The delivery room is lighted from overhead through a domed ceiling. The inner finish and furniture are of old English oak. The building is heated by steam and lighted by an acetylene gas plant. The cost of the land was about \$13,500 and of the building about \$29,000.

WEST FALMOUTH. Mrs. Hannah G. D. Plummer has given the West Falmouth Library a few acres of woodland. The gifts of Mr. D. Wheeler Swift of Worcester to this library since the erection of its building, in 1896, amount to at least \$2,500, his latest benefaction being the cancellation of a note of \$600 due from the association.

FITCHBURG. The Hon. Rodney Wallace has given \$10,000 to the public library.

FRANKLIN. Miss Lydia P. Ray and Mrs. Adelbert D. Thayer have begun the erection of a library building, to be presented to Franklin as a memorial to their father, Hon. Joseph Gordon Ray, the foremost citizen of the town, lately deceased. The structure will be of pink granite from the Milford quarries, in classic style of architecture, thoroughly fire-proof, and of ample dimensions. The site selected for it is a spacious and suitably

elevated lot, at the corner of Main and School streets. The donors will spare neither money nor painstaking to make the memorial in every respect worthy of their filial purpose, and the most noteworthy architectural feature of this historic and beautiful town.

GRANBY. The late Rosamond E. Ferry left \$100 to the library in Granby.

GRANVILLE. The new library building, notice of which was made in our report of last year, will be occupied early in 1902. The whole cost of the structure has been about \$12,000. The principal donors are Hon. Milton B. Whitney, \$5,000; and Mr. Francis Cooley of Hartford, Conn., \$1,300. The rest of the required sum has been raised by the energy of Mrs. R. B. Cooley and other ladies of a local club of which she is president, using the agency of fairs, entertainments, etc.

GREAT BARRINGTON. Mrs. Dewey of Springfield, widow of the late Judge Justin Dewey, has presented to the Great Barrington Library a portrait of her husband, who was always actively interested in the well-being of that institution, and one of its early benefactors.

GREENWICH. The library has received a bequest of \$200 from the estate of Stephen P. Bailey, late of Greenwich.

GROVELAND. A free library, opening with 3,500 volumes upon the shelves, has been established at South Groveland through the generosity of Mr. E. G. M. Hale of Newburyport. It will be known as the Hale Library. The Groveland Manufacturing Company furnishes a suitable room, with light, heat and janitor's services.

HADLEY. Over \$100 has been raised by subscriptions to be used in purchasing books for the library. A large proportion of the sum came from non-residents having an interest in the town, John Dwight of New York giving \$25, and Bishop F. D. Huntington of Syracuse \$10. Mr. John Dwight, who is a native of South Hadley, has offered to give \$4,000 for a library building in Hadley, or any less sum, provided an equal amount shall be raised from other sources.

HAMILTON. The library has received a valuable clock from the estate of the late Marshall K. Abbott, and nearly 100 volumes from Mrs. George V. L. Meyer.

HANOVER. The fund of \$1,000 given by John Barstow of Providence, R. I., in aid of Hanover Academy, an institution lately abandoned, has been transferred to the John Curtis Free Library by the daughters of the donor, Misses Lydia K. and Elizabeth T. Barstow of Providence.

- HARDWICK.** By the will of Mrs. Ann Paige, widow of Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D., of Cambridge, who died at the age of ninety-four, Aug. 1, 1901, all her books, maps and manuscripts are bequeathed to the Paige Library, founded by her husband's will three years ago. Moreover, the residue of her estate, after sundry bequests, is left to the town of Hardwick, as an addition to the fund of \$10,000 bequeathed by Dr. Paige for the support of the Paige Library. The Hardwick Free Public Library has received a legacy of \$50 from the estate of Elizabeth Wheeler.
- HINGHAM.** The late Alfred Hersey bequeathed the sum of \$500 to the Hingham Public Library.
- HINSDALE.** John W. Curtice, late a resident of Hinsdale, left a bequest to the library of \$5,000.
- HOLLISTON.** The late Mrs. Elizabeth S. Burnap bequeathed to the town a plot of ground for library purposes.
- HOLYOKE.** The final footing up of subscriptions to the library building fund is \$79,407.44. Owing to various causes, the completion of the building has been much delayed; it will, however, be occupied early in 1902.
- HOPEDALE.** The gifts to the Bancroft Memorial Library in 1901 include 28 Dunton photographs from the Hopedale Debating Society, and an 18 inch Johnston globe from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winsor. Lessons are given by librarians and teachers as a part of the school course, in the high school and the highest grade of the grammar school, upon the use of indexes, catalogues, library management, etc.
- LANCASTER.** Col. John E. Thayer has given \$100 towards the reclassification of the library now in progress; also many valuable books, among them "Warner's Library of the World's Best Literature." A lady who prefers to remain anonymous has presented \$50 worth of art books to the library. "Each of the eight outlying schools is practically a branch library, where books are circulated among the pupils by the teachers. Last year there were circulated among these schools, having 242 pupils, 1,944 books, or 8 for each pupil. Only 41 per cent. of these were fiction. Perry pictures are also sent to the schools and issued with the books."
- LEICESTER.** About fifty years ago Ephraim Copeland left a sum of money and a lot in trust for the establishment of a school in Greenville, specifying the Bible and spelling book as the only text-books to be allowed therein. Of course the conditions could not be fulfilled, and the heirs sued for the property. After long litigation, the supreme judicial court in equity issued its final decree, Jan. 31, 1901. It orders that the balance of the fund,

after payment of legacies, costs, etc., shall be applied for the establishment and support of a library and reading room in Greenville, to be practically a branch of the Leicester Free Public Library, and under the management of the same trustees, according to a scheme set forth in detail in the court's order. The library is to be known as the Ephraim Copeland Memorial Library, and the fund as the Ephraim Copeland Library Fund. Two hundred dollars of the principal is to be separated as a building fund, to accumulate until 1950 in some savings bank, whereafter it may be applied to the erection or purchase of a building for library purposes. Meanwhile, authority is given to lease a building, if possible, \$75 being allowed for the necessary alterations, or, if this is not feasible, to procure a lot and erect a building, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000. The town has voted its acceptance of the trust, and instructed the selectmen to allow the use of an unoccupied engine house for the reading room, which will be suitably fitted up for the purpose. The branch library which has been for many years maintained at Greenville will be administered with the new library when opened. The sum which will ultimately accrue from the bequest is estimated at \$2,000.

LITTLETON. The late Mrs. Henry (Laws) Henarie of San Francisco, at one time a resident of Littleton, bequeathed to that town the sum of \$1,000 to establish the Laws Fund for the benefit of the Reuben Hoar Library.

LUNENBURG. The library annually receives \$100 from an unknown donor.

LYNN. A mural painting by Mora, entitled "The Awakening of Ignorance," has been presented to the library by Joseph N. Smith of Lynn. A bronze bust of the late Charles J. Van Depoele has been received from his family, and a portrait of Dr. Edward L. Coffin has come to the library by will of his daughter, Miss Mary F. Coffin.

LYNNFIELD. George L. Hawks, late of Wakefield, willed to the Lynnfield Public Library the sum of \$1,000. This was received in March, 1901; and, in accordance with the donor's wish, \$500 of the sum will be considered a perpetual fund, the annual income of which will be devoted to library needs; the remaining \$500 will be expended for the benefit of the library when and in such manner as the trustees deem expedient.

MALDEN. In January, 1901, the library received \$125,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Elisha D. Converse, the munificent donors of the Converse Memorial building. This gift constitutes the Elisha S. and Mary D. Converse endowment fund, the income from

which is available in any direction in which it may conduce to the welfare of the library. This added to numerous previous benefactions makes nearly a quarter of a million of dollars that Mr. and Mrs. Converse have bestowed upon the Malden Library. The will of the late Obadiah B. Brown, late a well-known instructor in music in Malden, provides for the depositing of his musical library in the Converse Memorial building, under direction of his son, Harold H. Brown.

MANCHESTER. Over 200 volumes, some of great value, have been received during the year from various persons, including 74 volumes of the British poets from Mrs. A. P. Rockwell.

MANSFIELD. The popular movement which culminated in the dedication on June 17, 1901, of the Mansfield Soldiers' Memorial Library Building, began in 1893. The corner-stone was laid Oct. 21, 1899. Of over \$16,000 raised for the work, the town voted \$9,500, the remainder being obtained by a general subscription. Mrs. E. F. Noble leads the list of contributors, giving the valuable site and \$2,500 towards the construction of the building; Mr. F. L. Cady gave \$500; the Soldiers' Memorial Association, \$380.18; the Woman's Relief Corps, \$201.50, obtained by entertainments; Mrs. D. E. Harding, \$200, the proceeds of entertainments. The memorial is a commodious, substantial and pleasing structure, of two stories and a basement. The walls of the first story are of common field stone, laid in cement; those of the second being of wood, shingled. The delivery room is 24 by 20 feet, flanked on either side by a reading room of the same dimensions. At the rear a semi-decagon apse, 32 feet in width, gives a book room which is divided into five alcoves, shelved for 10,000 volumes. The upper story is chiefly given to a hall for the G. A. R. Post. This is 32 by 34 feet, open to the roof timbering, and adjacent to it are kitchen, banquet room, closets, etc. The heating plant includes two large furnaces, and light is given by acetylene gas generators, located in a separate building and capable of supplying 3,000 candle-power. The memorial purpose of the structure is marked by an appropriately inscribed tablet, conspicuously placed in the delivery room.

MARLBOROUGH. The late George N. Cate of Marlborough by will gives \$5,000 to the public library of that city after the decease of his widow.

MERRIMAC. A bequest of real estate, valued at \$250, has been received from James Whittier, the income from which must be expended for books. By the will of Daniel J. Poore, the late town treasurer, the library will receive \$200.

MIDDLEBOROUGH. The Middleborough Public Library will receive \$100,000 from the estate of the late Thomas S. Pierce. By terms of the will one-half of this bequest can be used in the erection of a library building; the other half is to constitute an endowment fund.

MIDDLEFIELD. Ample accommodations have been provided in the new town hall for the public library. A branch library has been established at Bancroft Village, four miles from Middlefield Centre.

MILLBURY. The will of Lucy A. Baker of Millbury contains a bequest of \$100 to the town library.

MILTON. The bequest of the late Gov. Roger Wolcott, of \$2,000, received by the Milton Public Library, is to be used in extending the privileges of the library to the inhabitants of the southwestern portion of the town. A new deposit station was opened on Atherton Street early in 1901. The custom has been established of sending monthly deposits of 100 to 150 volumes to the four branches now supported. The books for juveniles have been shelved by themselves, where easily accessible, and free access to the stacks is now granted, — a favor which is greatly appreciated. The reclassification according to the Dewey system is in progress. Three copies of the card catalogue are being printed for use in the branches. Two books are allowed each borrower, without restriction as to class of literature. The need of a special library building is awakening public discussion.

NATICK. The Morse Institute has received \$5,000 by bequest of Mr. John O. Wilson, late of Natick.

NEW BEDFORD. The library has received a large number of books from the estate of Cornelius Howland, Esq.

NEWBURYPORT. Besides the four gifts during 1900 named in our last year's report, — amounting to \$34,000, — the Newburyport Public Library has received \$5,000 from Mrs. Edward S. Stickney of Chicago.

NEWTON. An anonymous friend has presented to the library a beautiful marble statue of Diana, with pedestal, the work of the late G. M. Benzoni, a noted Roman sculptor who died several years ago.

NORTH ADAMS. The inhabitants of other towns are given the privilege of borrowing books from the North Adams Free Public Library upon payment of \$1 per annum. It is proposed to introduce instruction in the use of reference books for the benefit of students in the highest grade schools. The Research Club, a local association of women, has presented to the library a cast of Luca Della Robbia's Trumpeters.

NORTHAMPTON. Delivery stations have been founded at the villages of Leeds and Bay State. That at the latter place is provided with a room suitably heated and lighted by the Northampton Cutlery Company.

NORTHBOROUGH. Cyrus Gale, the generous donor of the library building in Northborough, has given \$500 for the purpose of printing a catalogue of the library.

NORTHFIELD. A portrait of the late Rev. Dwight L. Moody has been presented to the library by his widow.

PELHAM. The income of the library being but \$22, no books could be bought, but 50 volumes were received from the Woman's Education Association and 30 from Dr. G. W. Rawson of Amherst.

PEPPERELL. The Lawrence library building, the gift to his native town of Charles Farrar Lawrence, who died in New York City, May 12, 1897, was dedicated with appropriate formality on June 15, 1901. It is a beautiful and substantial structure of brick, relieved with Indiana limestone trimmings and entrance columns, crowned by an ornamental copper roof and skylights, and is of fire-proof construction, the frame-work being of iron. The main hall, entered from the central porch, is 30 by 43 feet. The stack at the rear is three-storied, reaching from the basement floor to the roof, 18 by 40 feet in plan. In the west wing is the art room, 22 by 50 feet, decorated with several fine oil paintings, etc., the bequest of Mr. Lawrence. The east wing is given to a reading room, 22 by 27 feet, with wall cases for a reference library. There is also a suitably furnished room, 11 by 15 feet, for the librarian's use; and the basement is high, well lighted, and divided into sundry compartments fully equipped. The entire building is furnished in polished white ash, the furniture being of golden oak. It is lavishly supplied with both electric lights and gas burners, and heated by steam from two Gordon boilers. Holding the place of honor in the entrance hall is a fine portrait of the donor, and on the same wall hangs a portrait of Sir William Pepperell. Mr. Lawrence's total gift, besides his private library and art collections, was the sum of \$100,000, of which \$25,000 is to constitute an endowment fund for the maintenance and care of the library; \$50,000 has been expended upon the lot and building, and \$25,000 upon furniture, books, etc.

PETERSHAM. A recent bequest of Miss Lucy Flora Willis to the Petersham Memorial Library directs that her gift, which amounts to \$11,275, shall "no part of it be used in the purchase of books."

PLYMOUTH. The children of the late William G. and Mary E. Russell of Boston will give the town of Plymouth a library building,

to cost about \$20,000. Perhaps no town in the Commonwealth is more in need of such a building. An ideal site for it has been secured, overlooking the bay, and adorned by some of the largest and most venerable lindens to be found in the State. Mr. Nathaniel Morton gave \$750 towards the purchase of this lot. The donors of the building are Thomas Russell, Mrs. Roger N. Allen and Mrs. William S. Townsend, all of Boston. Miss Mary G. Bartlett of Plymouth has given the library 3,000 photographs and reproductions of noted paintings. Mr. Augustus P. Loring of Boston has given 146 volumes to the Loring Reading Room.

REVERE. Andrew Carnegie has offered this town \$20,000 for a library building, contingent upon its providing a suitable site, and agreeing to appropriate annually not less than \$2,000 for library support. Revere owns two lots of land, either of which is available for the site. It also has a fund of \$1,500 and interest, bequeathed by Stephen A. Hall for a library building, and the Woman's Club has accumulated from the proceeds of entertainments about \$3,000 for the same purpose. The library has now excellent accommodations on the ground floor of the new town hall, a practically fire-proof structure, built in 1898. Mr. Carnegie's gift was accepted by a unanimous vote at a special town meeting held Nov. 11, 1901.

ROCKPORT. The Pigeon Cove Library Association now receives a town appropriation of \$100 to enable it to maintain a free library and reading room for that village.

ROWE. Mrs. Sarah R. Drury, late of Troy, O., left to the town a bequest of \$1,000 invested for the term of eighty-six years at four per cent., the income to be expended for the benefit of the town library, which is to take the name "The Preserved Smith Library," in memory of Mrs. Drury's father, Unitarian pastor in Rowe for several years.

ROYALSTON. The late Timothy S. Bliss, a former resident of Royalston, left for the benefit of the public library the sum of \$1,000, which will establish a permanent fund bearing the donor's name.

SALEM. The total amount of the unrestricted bequest of Walter Scott Dickson — \$10,000 and one-fifth of his residuary estate — is now expected to exceed \$25,000.

SCITUATE. The heirs of Mr. Silas Peirce of Boston, the donor of the Peirce Memorial Library Building at North Scituate, have nearly doubled the original building in size, by an addition including a complete heating plant, and steel book stacks having a capacity for 5,000 volumes.

SHREWSBURY. The residuary estate of the late Jubal Howe, bequeathed to the public library, amounts to about \$50,000; and it is proposed to use it, or some portion of it in the erection of a library building in the near future.

SPRINGFIELD. The City Library Association has received \$90,000 from the estate of David Ames Wells. The librarian, John Cotton Dana, at the beginning of the school year, issued a circular addressed to teachers and pupils, urging their use of library privileges, and giving notice that "single books or sets of books numbering from one to fifty and charged for any reasonable length of time may be obtained from any department by teachers; children and teachers who are studying a particular subject may be aided in finding the right material; and books for recreation also will be furnished."

STURBRIDGE. Mr. Stanley G. Wight of Detroit, Mich., has presented to the Joshua Hyde Library a choice collection of photographs of famous paintings and scenery, with a suitable cabinet for their protection.

SUNDERLAND. The library building, recently completed and richly furnished at a cost of about \$12,000, is the generous gift of John Long Graves of Boston to his native town. Other contributions to the building fund have been formally transferred to the endowment fund, which now amounts to over \$5,000. The chief donations now included in this fund are: the bequest of Rufus R. Graves in 1876, \$2,000; the gift of heirs of Juliette Montague Cooke, \$1,000; sundry contributions from non-residents, \$980; local subscriptions, \$655; town appropriation, \$500. The town has also expended about \$500 for a fire-proof vault wherein to keep its records, in the library building.

SWANSEA. Besides the beautiful and spacious library building, dedicated Sept. 19, 1900, Swansea owes to the provisions of the will of Hon. Frank Shaw Stevens a fund of \$2,500, the income from which is to be expended for books. Mrs. Elizabeth R. Stevens added fully one-third to the original bequest of her husband, to perfect the new library home, and gave the sum of \$100 and the coal and gas towards heating and lighting the building for the year. Miss Mary A. Case presented to the library valuable works of reference, including Webster's International Dictionary and Chambers's Encyclopædia; Hon. Robert T. Davis gave 418 volumes, including the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion; 310 volumes have been received from the estate of the late Seth Brown by hands of his nephew, George P. Brown of Fall River.

TYNGSBOROUGH. A public-spirited lady, Miss Mary Bennett, has offered to give \$1,000 towards the erection of a library building, provided the sum of \$5,000 is contributed by the town for that purpose. Her offer has been accepted, and a committee chosen to formulate plans and report to a future town meeting.

TYRINGHAM. Plans for a library building in Tyringham have taken definite shape. A suitable site has been given by George W. Garfield, and pledges of financial aid made. It is proposed that the construction shall be of field stone, with slated or tiled roof, the rafters being left exposed and the inner face of the walls unceiled. The building, besides the book room, 23 by 26 feet, will include a room for town officers' meetings and a record room. It is estimated that, with the volunteer labor and gifts of stone promised, the cost will not much exceed \$1,000.

WAKEFIELD. The late Cyrus G. Beebe of Framingham, a son of Lucius Beebe, in whose honor the Wakefield town library is named, has bequeathed \$2,000 to the town for the benefit of the Beebe Library.

WALPOLE. The gift of \$15,000 for a library building, offered by Andrew Carnegie, was accepted by the town at a special meeting, August 27. At the same time it was voted to accept a site offered by C. S. Bird of East Walpole.

WARREN. Extensive alterations and improvements, including a new stack, are in progress in the Warren Public Library building.

WELLESLEY. The will of the late Elizabeth Flagg contains a bequest of \$1,000 to the public library in Wellesley.

WESTBOROUGH. The site for a library building has been bought by the town, a building fund of \$6,000 from the gift of Charles S. Henry is in the treasury, and about \$5,000 more has been pledged for the purpose. The town is patiently waiting for private generosity to increase the fund to an amount sufficient to erect a building suited to the public needs.

WESTFORD. Mrs. Henry (Laws) Henarie of San Francisco, a native of Westford, has left by will \$1,000 to that town, to be known as the Laws Fund, for the benefit of the public library.

WESTMINSTER. The will of Charles A. Forbush, besides the bequest of \$500 for the purchase of books, reported two years ago, gives \$10,000 to be expended in the erection of a building for the use of the public library of Westminster, as a memorial to the late Joseph W. Forbush. The structure will be two-storied, 47 by 33 feet, with a stack room wing at the rear, 19 by 22 feet. The upper story is designed for a museum and antiquarian hall. The exterior walls will be of gray brick, with Indiana limestone

trimmings above a granite foundation, and the interior finish of oak. The cost of the site was raised by a popular subscription, the largest contribution, \$500, coming from Alonzo Curtis. Mrs. S. C. Warner has given the library the Century Dictionary and Atlas.

WESTON. Francis Blake has given \$110 to the library of Weston, to be expended for the engraving of a bookplate and for etchings and photolithographs taken from it. Theodore Dwight has contributed over 100 volumes to the library, and several other citizens have given portraits, a clock, photographs, etc., for the decoration of its walls.

WESTWOOD. The library building given by Mr. Howard Colburn was turned over to the town of Westwood in March, 1901. It is a one-storied structure of brick, with brown stone trimmings above a basement of Dedham granite. The interior finish is oak. The present shelf capacity is 5,000 volumes.

WEYMOUTH. Mrs. Mary J. Bates has presented to the Fogg Library the sum of \$1,000 for the purchase of reference books, and placed a beautiful bronze tablet in the reference room, in memory of her husband, Gen. James Lawrence Bates.

WINCHESTER. Thomas B. Winchester of Boston gave to the town a portrait of his father and a silver punch bowl. These are deposited in the public library.

WINTHROP. "Since entering the new library building, the trustees have set apart a room for collections in local history, and the interest taken in it has not been confined to those who patronize the stacks. One gift has suggested another, and, as it furnishes a safe depository, many who otherwise would not risk valuable relics, now feel free to leave them, and the result is a fast-growing museum of local interest."

WOBURN. A bronze statue of Count Rumford, a replica of that at Munich, was placed in the grounds of the library by Mr. Marshall Tidd of Woburn, at a cost of \$7,500.

WORCESTER. The Worcester librarian has introduced a new feature in library work, — talks upon books from time to time, as may be convenient, in some room of the library building. His purpose is "to bring together the books on a subject of present interest, and have a person thoroughly conversant with them talk about them in an informal way to such as desire to come; and to show them, with books in hand, just what the value is for given objects, of individual works." Several talks have been given, which have been well attended and given much satisfaction.

SUGGESTIONS AND EXPERIENCES.

In a circular letter of inquiry, addressed by the commission to the librarians and trustees of all free libraries in the Commonwealth, was a request for suggestions based upon experience as to the best means of making a small library attractive and useful. Although the responses to this were by no means so general as desired, numerous replies serve to show a popular trend towards greater liberality in methods of library administration, and a growing appreciation of the need of high qualifications, social, mental and moral, in those having direction of the library. Many lay great stress, and rightfully, upon an intelligent enthusiasm, tactful altruism and untiring good nature in the librarian. Quotations from these replies are here given, in the hope that they may interest and be helpful to many librarians of limited experience:—

“Deliveries are a good thing in a scattered town, but the spirit in which a library is conducted counts for more than almost anything else. In a small library the question is largely one of personal relations. If people are sure of having cordial attention paid to their needs and questions, the library will not need much advertising.”

“Cheerful willingness in the librarian, a thorough acquaintance with the contents of the books, a kindly disposition, a desire to help and readiness to offer suggestions, especially to the youthful readers.”

“I would recommend: bulletin boards, on which to display articles or pictures relating to current events; new books put aside where they may be easily accessible to the public; unrestricted access to the book stack; the simplest charging system which will not long detain patrons who wish to obtain books quickly; a full analytical catalogue; frequent picture exhibits; printed lists of new additions; courtesy, untiring patience, intelligence, a ready human sympathy and a cheerful countenance on the part of the attendants.”

“Make the library rooms attractive by exhibitions of pictures; by collecting and displaying articles of historic value, or interesting as curiosities; by placing new books and special selections where they can be looked over conveniently. A bulletin board with special lists is also useful.”

“A colored bird chart and colored pictures of birds, mounted and displayed in the reference room, have proved very attractive and helpful to many.”

“Remove all sorts of gratings, cages, railings, bars, fences and other zoölogical garden paraphernalia.”

"The addition of a well-lighted reading table with magazines upon it has added greatly to the attractiveness and usefulness of our library."

"I find our bulletin board, with its special lists, newspaper cuttings, etc., very useful. The walls of our children's room always have pictures upon them, collections made by the librarian, or those loaned by the Library Art Club and derived from other sources."

"Cordial attitude and willing assistance of librarian. The librarian should become acquainted, by as wide reading as possible, with books of all classes, so as to recommend books with discretion and tact. It is especially important that the librarian should know the character of the books for children and young people, by reading as many as possible. The librarian should become informed concerning conditions throughout the town, and should study to make the library's influence reach all parts of it. A personal acquaintance with as many people as possible, especially in small communities, is important. Visits should be made to outlying districts, and the people there should be encouraged to take books from the library. Especial attention should be given to the needs of children, and there should be no age limit. A detailed account of what the library has accomplished and attempted should be brought before the people by printing it with the annual reports of town officers."

"A good librarian of to-day is quite distinct from what would have been called a good librarian of a quarter of a century or more ago. Such a person must know books, literature of different shades; know of authors whose works stand the best tests for high standard, as well as have a knowledge of the best methods of caring for the best interests of all connected with the library; must be courteous, affable, obliging to all ages and classes; and to succeed must have the cheerful co-operation of the community."

"As tried means of increase of interest in the library, we suggest: free access to shelves; a children's room; exhibitions of pictures from the Library Art Club."

"Our endeavor is to have the library as cheerful and homelike as possible, and as free from restrictions as is compatible with good government. The local paper is used to call attention to picture exhibits and other items of interest concerning the library. We have a well-stocked and very attractive children's room."

"Pictures from Library Art Club; open shelves; revolving cases for latest additions; special shelves for children's books in delivery room."

"Frequent picture exhibitions; open shelves for new books; attractive bulletin boards and colored posters; an air of welcome and freedom from police oversight; as little of the institutional and as

much of the homelike atmosphere as possible, which depends upon the personality of the library staff, and cannot be defined."

"We have tried to make friends of the people, believing that of as much importance as the circulation of books, for it will eventually lead to the latter. With this in mind, we have tried to make the library a popular resort, by having exhibits of school drawings, work done in the manual training school, and by encouraging nature study."

"We have placed upon the children's table, to be used in the library, some beautifully illustrated juvenile classics and nature books. We hope that the attractiveness of these books will inspire the children to handle them carefully, to appreciate good illustrations, and to want to read and enjoy more similar illustrated books in the library for delivery."

"Allow readers as much freedom as possible in the use of the library. Post bulletins of new books, with occasional notices in regard to them; also bulletins of flowers, birds, etc., in season; also for special holidays or seasons, lists of books and stories appropriate to them; also reading lists on timely or suggested subjects."

"The system of rotation, whereby all books in the stack are regularly passed in rotation through open cases in the delivery room, preserving their classified order; thus the public attention is daily focussed upon a few books of each class, and books become known and used which by any other system would never be moved."

"I think the most can be done through the personal influence of those in charge of the library. Pictures and bulletins assist."

"Procuring the addition of new books to the library at short intervals."

"First of all, perfect cleanliness, good light and ventilation, a love for and personal knowledge of each child, a careful study of all who wish books; and, last and best, seeking to make patrons or readers feel that they own the library."

"Attractive rooms; pictures; plenty of juvenile as well as adult literature; the daily and local papers; and money! money!"

"A book case full of juvenile books, in some place easy of access; talks upon the pictures loaned by the Library Art Club."

"The privilege most prized in our library is the free access to books. Our patrons visit the shelves, and browse as long as they like."

"As far as possible, choose library officials from patrons of the library, that they may work understandingly, and from one point of view; then add all the professional understanding circumstances will permit."

"Personal sympathy on the part of the librarian, with a wide knowledge of books and their fitness for individual needs."

“For making the library attractive: a kind and pleasant librarian, one always willing to assist in the selection of books, and in a small community knowing the tastes of individual patrons. For making it useful: starting the children on the right kind of literature. The public schools attempt this by publishing lists, but there the matter rests, as in no grades below the high schools is reading required. The librarian and trustees should endeavor to put the right books into the children’s hands.”

THE LIBRARY ART CLUB.

The Library Art Club, of which Miss Alice G. Chandler of Lancaster is the president, continues with marked success the excellent work which it so happily inaugurated a few years since, and which at a slight expense to the individual libraries has been self supporting. The collections of pictures by purchase and loan are constantly increasing, and 621 exhibitions were given in the calendar year 1901. The club has purchased about 30 collections, and secured by gift and loan about 20 others. The collections cover a wide range of subjects, from the art and architecture of Venice, the treasures of the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel and the Passion Play at Oberammergau, to fine photographs of the scenery of Alaska and the Great West, Swiss scenery in color and photographs of New England birds.

The membership of the club at the close of the year numbers 98 libraries, schools and other institutions, of which 75 were free public libraries in Massachusetts.

The educational value of these exhibits and the stimulus they give to the appreciation and love for the best pictorial art can hardly be over-estimated. The exhibits attract people to the libraries, and lead them to read the books describing the scenes which have given them pleasure. Even the smallest library would find the slight cost of membership in this club an investment that would produce rich returns.

THE WOMAN’S EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

The interesting work of the Woman’s Education Association has been continued with good results in the smaller towns, and especially in the remotely located villages. It has 41 travelling libraries, and 37 of them have circulated 3,841 volumes during

the year. The towns and villages which are at present receiving the benefit of these libraries are : —

Acushnet,	Goshen,	Pelham,
Alford,	Groveland,	Plainfield,
Bancroft (Middlefield),	Hancock,	Rowe,
Bedford,	Heath,	Russell,
Brimfield,	Huntington,	Rutland,
Cheshire,	Hyannis,	Sandisfield,
Chilmark,	Lakeville,	South Yarmouth,
Clarksburg,	Leverett,	Wales,
Colrain,	Littleville (in Chester),	Wendell,
Conway,	Monterey,	West Leyden,
Cummington,	North Chester,	West Stockbridge,
Cuttyhunk (in Gosnold),	Oakham,	Windsor.
East Freetown,	Otis,	
Florida,	Paxton,	

Special libraries designed for study clubs have been provided upon the subjects of Venice, Florence, Rome, English architecture, Shakespeare, Italian art and Egypt. All these libraries have proved to be of great utility. The association has also 18 collections of pictures which are loaned in connection with the libraries, the one proving an interesting educational supplement to the other.

The work of this association has always been most cordially welcomed by the commission; it has cheered and brightened the fireside of many a rural home, and its influence in ever-widening circles has attracted attention and inquiry in other and far distant States.

LOCAL LIBRARY CLUBS.

One of the results of the organization and experience of the Massachusetts Library Club has been the formation of local library clubs in different sections of the State. The Western Massachusetts, the Bay Path and the Cape Cod Library Club bring together once or twice a year, at some easily accessible place, the managers of the smaller libraries for conference and instruction. These meetings have been attended with the best results, and the needs of the small country library have been made known to those who were able to give the wisest aid and counsel from the results of practical experience. The lectures and library institutes which these clubs have furnished have

been practical and stimulating. It is to be hoped that these clubs may be multiplied, until their good influence reaches all sections of the Commonwealth.

LIBRARIES AND THE SCHOOLS.

The following circular letter has been sent by the commission to the superintendents of schools throughout the State : —

DEAR SIR : — The Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission desires to solicit and enlist your aid in improving the free public libraries, especially in the smaller towns, and making them more useful to the school and the home. The people of nearly every town and village in the State now have easy access to a free public library. Care should be taken that the growth of these libraries should be of the best and most improving books. Your experience and taste, generously and wisely given, will be of priceless value in determining the character of the reading in the family. Great benefit has resulted in the larger communities, notably in the city of Worcester, from the intimate connection of the library and the school. Information relative to the details and methods of this work will be gladly furnished by Mr. Green, who has given the matter special attention. Similar benefits, even in a larger degree, can be realized in the smaller and more sparsely settled towns. Under your direction, the young people may be led to read books that are profitable and interesting. With your advice, books selected for the library may be made to supplement and render more attractive the lessons of the school, and the education of the schoolroom be continued as a pleasure of the home.

The usefulness of the libraries can be promoted by the interest awakened through the teachers, especially among the young people and the pupils of the public schools. The readiness of the teachers to lend their effort in this direction can be easily stimulated and strengthened by a helpful word from the superintendent.

The commission appeals to you, therefore, with the fullest confidence that you will see that the best books are found in the libraries ; that you will stimulate the pupils and the parents to make a pleasant and profitable use of them ; that you will use every means to render the distribution of the books easy and general, and see that they are used to the best educational advantage.

The commission will welcome most heartily any suggestions you may be pleased to make in the direction of selecting books and improving the methods to make them of the widest practical benefit to the people, or any information relative to the condition and management of the libraries in your district.

The response to this circular shows that the superintendents are alive to the value of the library as an aid to the school, and gladly welcome its service.

COMPARISON OF LIBRARY STATISTICS.

The statistical tables which follow, Appendices I. and II., have been compiled from the replies of librarians and trustees to a circular letter of inquiry, carefully supplemented and corrected in many instances by collation with the printed reports of town officers. They are presented as reasonably accurate and complete, despite a perplexing lack of uniformity in the methods of keeping records among both librarians and town accountants. Some librarians leave out from their "number of bound volumes" all public documents; some exclude from "books circulated for home use" the current periodicals issued; a very few apparently keep no exact account of volumes loaned. There seems no weighty reason for these omissions. All items of income and expenditure here tabulated belong to the last financial year of each library, which is very rarely the calendar year. A majority of our municipalities close their annual accounts March 1; but others date them from February, April or even May 1. The municipal book-keepers do not conform to any stereotyped model.

In several towns the salaries of the librarian and assistants are paid, like those of other officials, from a special appropriation, and not charged against the library income. In sundry towns the cost of repairs, care, heating and lighting does not appear in expenditures for the library, being included in the general account of expense for the care of public buildings, which usually cannot be itemized. With the exception of three towns, the trustees of our free libraries accept no remuneration whatever for their services.

A comparison of these statistics for 1900-1901 with those published by the commission for 1894-95—a period of six years having elapsed—shows that the number of independent free libraries in the State has increased from 343 to 394; the number of branch libraries and delivery stations, from 186 to 451; the number of bound volumes in free libraries, from 3,139,637 to 4,219,600; the circulation of books for home use, from 6,267,061 to 8,221,061.

The towns of Lancaster and Phillipston lead in the number of books owned per unit of population, each having 12.2 volumes; Nahant and Sudbury have 11. The free libraries of Massachusetts had in 1895 $1\frac{255}{1000}$ volumes for each inhabitant of the State; they now own $1\frac{504}{1000}$. They issued for home use in 1895 $2\frac{506}{1000}$ books per unit of population; in 1900 their issue was $2\frac{930}{1000}$ books.

In this circulation Fairhaven far excels all other municipalities, with a record of 12.8 books per inhabitant; that of Brookfield is 9.9 volumes; of Lexington, 9.5; of Bernardston, 9.2; of Nahant, 9. Northampton leads all the cities, with a home circulation of 7.7 volumes per inhabitant. The average of the 33 cities is $2\frac{544}{1000}$ books per inhabitant.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX I.

STATISTICS

OF

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

IN

MASSACHUSETTS,

1900-1901.

Statistics of the Free Public Libraries of Massachusetts, 1900-1901.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popula- tion, 1900.	Valuation, 1900.	Number of Bound Volumes.	Books cir- culated for Home Use.	Town Appropria- tion for the Library.	Amount of Dog Tax devoted to the Library.	Income from Other Sources.	Expended for Books and Peri- odicals.	Paid for Salaries and Services.	Other Expenses.	Number of Deliv- ery Stations.
Abington,	4,489	\$2,413,897	12,963	21,795	\$800 00	\$495 77	\$57 76	\$346 95	\$416 00	\$588 79	1
Acton,	2,120	1,654,900	7,442	7,757	600 00	-	181 20	407 46	153 00	141 71	2
Acushnet,	1,221	651,000	1,172	1,820	75 00	-	5 08	15 25	50 00	13 54	2
Adams,	11,134	5,081,877	9,752	29,906	3,000 00	-	482 44	659 96	1,185 00	991 23	-
Agawam,	2,536	1,390,182	2,599	5,882	-	297 31	29 32	326 63	-	-	5
Alford,	272	166,310	664	350	25 00	-	-	10 00	15 00	-	-
Amesbury,	9,473	5,221,028	10,777	27,514	600 00	532 20	103 56	475 95	459 61	300 20	-
Amherst,	5,028	3,201,414	9,016	23,198	400 00	-	262 73	413 00	167 00	81 93	2
North Amherst,	-	-	2,103	5,200	100 00	-	100 00	50 00	50 00	37 00	-
Andover,	6,813	5,069,671	15,796	20,113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ballardvale,	-	-	1,800	2,000	-	557 50	2,143 27	580 90	909 00	1,175 19	4
Arlington,	8,603	8,748,206	16,616	51,059	2,700 00	663 45	2,939 25	686 69	3,324 95	2,243 12	1
Ashburnham,	1,882	961,455	3,437	6,125	250 00	152 43	76 80	216 63	144 25	108 96	1
Ashby,	876	488,872	2,400	1,500	100 00	-	-	50 00	50 00	-	-
Ashfield,	955	537,483	5,106	6,000	200 00	-	107 20	209 94	45 50	55 85	-
Ashland,	1,525	1,039,354	5,125	6,029	180 00	242 11	43 47	283 98	87 50	82 26	-
Athol,	7,061	4,161,080	5,746	13,225	-	731 97	147 22	151 47	253 50	144 35	-
Attleborough,	11,335	7,086,770	6,867	31,420	2,500 00	-	-	836 90	921 30	741 55	-
Auburn,	1,621	647,400	2,500	1,735	100 00	-	22 23	35 53	48 00	-	-
Avon,	1,741	831,500	2,500	6,900	100 00	224 00	-	210 00	92 00	28 00	-
Ayer,	2,446	1,554,047	8,025	12,890	700 00	-	230 56	154 83	250 00	485 60	-
Barnstable,	4,364	4,328,340	14,267	5,000	100 00	-	766 66	326 21	300 00	232 42	6
Centerville,	-	-	1,300	2,787	-	-	239 68	80 00	38 00	75 00	-
Cotuit,	-	-	2,900	5,000	-	-	209 00	20 00	90 58	104 13	-
Hyannis,	-	-	1,800	6,540	-	-	400 00	100 00	240 00	-	-
Marston's Mills,	-	-	1,200	900	-	-	50 00	30 00	-	20 00	-
Orsterville,	-	-	2,439	5,000	-	-	474 73	45 25	200 00	78 00	1
Barre,	2,059	1,451,780	8,130	10,106	700 00	-	467 28	304 36	510 00	352 92	-
Becket,	994	452,996	1,713	1,105	25 00	-	18 78	-	25 00	26 93	-
Bedford,	1,202	1,104,477	5,907	7,688	225 00	179 55	247 02	484 94	100 00	164 94	-
Belchertown,	2,292	848,850	6,600	9,168	-	379 39	361 21	112 91	237 00	275 44	-
Bellingham,	1,682	762,600	1,250	2,149	100 00	-	18 39	80 00	20 00	18 39	2

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Belmont,	3,929	\$5,211,725	10,600	11,682	\$1,100 00	\$291 58	-	\$241 31	\$418 50	\$735 22	1
Berkley,	949	379,133	900	850	75 00	-	-	50 00	25 00	-	-
Berlin,	1,003	509,196	1,400	2,430	50 00	-	\$56 39	53 00	27 00	25 98	1
Bernardston,	792	391,986	6,669	7,265	100 00	-	200 00	200 00	100 00	-	-
BEVERLY,	13,884	16,135,475	22,999	57,019	3,025 00	328 87	-	950 85	1,644 06	758 96	3
Billerica,	2,775	2,077,284	4,096	3,884	-	-	884 16	319 65	175 00	333 27	-
<i>Talbot Mills,</i>	-	-	3,309	2,818	-	-	362 12	227 12	135 00	-	-
Blackstone,	5,721	2,673,850	6,270	4,323	-	422 60	13 75	74 09	209 47	152 35	2
Blandford,	836	446,340	2,340	2,031	100 00	-	17 17	-	87 36	39 82	-
Bolton,	770	483,852	3,025	2,959	160 14	-	-	107 19	50 00	2 95	-
BOSTON,	560,892	1,129,175,832	781,377	1,324,728	290,766 10	-	44,087 18	40,890 18	177,428 25	88,857 91	86
Bourne,	1,657	2,141,825	2,103	2,775	200 00	285 82	25 00	76 47	174 15	101 54	4
Boxborough,	316	237,104	1,139	987	50 00	30 78	-	38 84	-	28 46	-
Boxford,	704	688,770	2,172	1,850	-	61 91	20 00	80 00	-	-	-
<i>West Boxford,</i>	-	-	1,459	1,254	-	61 91	1 14	10 00	6 00	-	-
Boylston,	1,364	422,836	4,610	3,116	61 25	203 89	90 67	127 64	61 25	-	-
Braintree,	5,981	4,638,650	13,261	25,270	900 00	-	376 96	451 18	650 00	181 84	1
Brewster,	829	528,760	2,700	2,500	50 00	-	40 00	20 00	50 00	20 00	-
Bridgewater,	5,806	2,535,742	11,805	31,859	1,200 00	-	76 80	530 00	500 00	246 80	-
Brimfield,	941	401,739	5,200	5,177	35 50	101 85	102 86	139 38	91 67	6 33	2
BROCKTON,	40,063	27,868,799	33,988	117,839	9,500 78	1,495 26	269 18	4,003 18	5,294 98	1,966 04	2
Brookfield,	3,062	1,397,612	15,307	30,580	850 00	-	457 74	351 54	560 60	343 80	-
Brookline,	19,335	77,952,900	55,441	118,092	17,000 00	-	1,349 00	4,568 24	8,486 16	5,154 28	-
Buckland,	1,446	555,301	2,728	1,750	-	-	50 00	50 00	-	-	-
Burlington,	593	574,932	3,137	1,554	125 00	-	42 73	40 23	100 00	28 20	-
CAMBRIDGE,	91,866	94,465,930	59,018	179,355	20,270 00	-	488 42	5,507 63	9,738 32	5,426 93	15
Canton,	4,554	3,957,630	10,700	23,374	1,050 00	-	329 00	558 30	610 54	195 84	1
Carlisle,	480	383,895	2,700	2,351	175 00	93 52	1 25	74 20	65 00	23 60	-
Carver,	1,104	908,875	1,747	1,775	200 00	-	11 19	126 85	50 00	10 00	-
Charlemont,	1,094	339,023	1,500	3,336	65 00	-	49 81	53 32	39 00	6 53	-
Charlton,	1,860	942,480	2,790	3,145	200 00	-	94 67	210 25	52 00	30 37	-
Chatham,	1,749	884,975	3,581	7,884	250 00	-	920 09	72 70	562 00	153 45	-
Chelmsford,	3,984	2,448,848	6,368	10,433	800 00	-	747 80	341 51	240 00	276 76	2
<i>North Chelmsford,</i>	-	-	3,791	5,516	400 00	-	9 41	149 94	87 00	138 49	1
CHELSEA,	34,072	23,711,750	16,597	84,501	4,500 00	-	280 07	625 00	2,195 17	1,959 90	-
Cheshire,	1,221	683,535	3,548	7,567	125 00	-	100 00	114 66	52 00	53 32	-
Chester,	1,450	609,149	1,522	2,404	100 00	-	4 28	10 95	25 00	68 33	1

Chesterfield,	611	282,430	1,747	1,200	40 00	-	05	31 27	15 00	69	1
CHICOPEE,	19,167	9,295,140	20,377	42,658	3,200 00	-	-	1,089 73	939 46	1,124 74	2
Chilmark,	324	218,683	981	710	35 00	-	1 39	12 77	20 00	1 85	1
Clarksburg,	943	239,755	288	300	15 00	-	17 57	32 57	-	-	-
Clinton,	13,667	7,511,199	24,438	47,932	2,600 00	-	87 31	1,138 04	945 23	643 50	-
Cohasset,	2,759	5,550,262	6,839	8,675	850 00	-	40 76	285 87	350 00	187 83	-
Colrain,	1,749	591,164	1,567	1,611	150 00	-	-	50 00	25 00	60 50	3
Concord,	5,652	4,684,363	32,342	29,484	2,190 75	393 43	1,565 95	1,424 56	1,500 00	1,225 57	-
Conway,	1,456	660,623	2,800	5,250	-	120 00	40 00	-	90 00	40 00	-
Cottage City,	1,100	1,678,875	1,284	3,000	150 00	-	-	50 00	41 00	59 00	-
Cummington,	748	296,293	7,000	2,000	74 00	-	41 00	115 00	-	-	-
Dalton,	3,014	2,653,750	9,000	14,767	500 00	138 00	547 00	710 14	288 75	179 95	-
Dana,	790	306,626	1,195	1,631	150 00	-	-	69 84	50 00	16 52	1
Danvers,	8,542	5,227,990	19,681	34,451	500 00	-	1,125 00	572 26	805 50	247 24	3
Dartmouth,	3,669	2,626,375	775	1,025	100 00	-	2 30	52 92	-	51 66	1
South Dartmouth,	-	-	2,689	4,036	150 00	-	70 00	150 00	52 00	14 60	-
Dedham,	7,457	8,807,220	17,609	34,325	3,000 00	-	750 18	754 05	1,337 49	1,335 77	4
Deerfield, South,	1,969	1,337,382	1,615	3,500	150 00	-	-	105 20	26 00	17 08	-
Pocumtuck Association,	-	-	5,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dickinson Library,	-	-	3,302	1,800	150 00	-	62 10	159 55	50 00	2 55	-
Dennis,	2,333	1,056,665	724	2,111	-	-	210 00	189 29	15 00	-	1
Dighton,	1,802	771,736	1,281	3,328	-	100 00	23 27	117 88	-	1 50	-
Douglas,	2,113	1,053,655	3,855	7,984	-	290 95	119 02	82 24	80 00	244 06	-
Dover,	656	860,300	2,018	3,035	325 00	-	39 70	177 70	105 00	23 05	-
Dracut,*	3,253	2,047,019	1,551	8,142	200 00	-	23 22	113 47	76 35	63 25	3
Dudley,	3,553	1,132,184	997	3,410	200 00	-	2 80	156 16	28 25	11 80	-
Dunstable,	427	296,611	2,218	1,402	50 00	66 12	1 85	54 60	30 00	34 50	-
Duxbury,	2,075	1,652 851	3,293	6,881	300 00	-	366 00	172 06	255 85	152 90	3
East Bridgewater,	3,025	1,493,066	3,046	11,747	600 00	-	141 78	111 17	293 65	336 15	2
East Longmeadow,	1,187	519,400	1,510	4,140	200 00	-	11 21	161 98	48 00	5 97	-
Eastham,	502	320,540	1,586	1,872	25 00	56 20	45 52	78 00	30 00	18 72	-
Easthampton,	5,603	3,003,786	10,000	25,702	1,200 00	-	813 00	500 00	900 00	613 00	-
Easton,	4,837	4,775,337	15,010	15,956	-	-	2,545 50	468 62	925 00	653 87	5
Edgartown,	1,209	734,607	1,470	4,195	150 00	-	-	100 00	50 00	-	-
Egremont,	758	439,360	739	620	25 00	-	35 00	71 70	-	1 04	-
Enfield,*	1,036	673,700	3,900	7,025	100 00	129 49	128 96	240 03	35 00	19 91	-
Erving,	973	399,658	2,000	2,000	50 00	38 00	50 00	100 00	30 00	9 63	1
Essex,	1,663	977,227	3,800	7,931	-	-	765 25	244 19	216 80	235 58	-
EVERETT,	24,336	18,705,100	14,120	58,693	2,450 00	1,442 82	160 00	727 91	2,108 24	1,216 20	-
Glendale,	-	-	1,579	14,745	1,700 00	-	97 00	969 61	454 19	285 25	-
Fairhaven,	3,567	2,315,670	16,000	45,716	-	-	6,763 29	605 23	3,056 46	2,685 59	-
FALL RIVER,	104,863	73,511,614	59,336	167,672	11,132 23	4,867 77	327 65	4,638 22	6,641 58	5,047 85	-

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1900.	Valuation, 1900.	Number of Bound Volumes.	Books cir- culated for Home Use.	Town Appropri- ation for the Library.	Amount of Dog Tax devoted to the Library.	Income from Other Sources.	Expended for Books and Peri- odicals.	Paid for Salaries and Services.	Other Expenses.	Number of Deliv- ery Stations.
Falmouth,	3,500	\$7,342,214	4,000	8,476	\$103 25	\$298 00	\$233 39	\$299 99	\$150 00	\$108 75	5
West Falmouth,	-	-	1,950	1,325	-	139 10	777 98	132 10	87 05	863 60	-
Woods Hole,	-	-	1,690	580	-	80 00	-	48 00	-	-	-
FITCHBURG,	31,531	23,439,892	36,055	68,438	5,500 00	1,765 11	218 12	1,759 83	3,933 68	2,028 72	1
Florida,	390	151,159	325	80	15 00	-	2 80	12 80	5 00	-	-
Foxborough,	3,266	2,077,914	4,615	15,640	450 00	-	134 56	152 92	320 80	107 40	-
Framingham,	11,302	8,809,900	23,000	45,300	1,941 00	-	2,148 96	1,201 04	1,375 00	1,513 92	3
Franklin,	5,017	3,336,545	6,215	10,274	700 00	-	255 16	217 84	550 00	347 07	-
Freetown,	1,394	843,410	1,125	1,800	75 00	-	11 49	67 21	-	17 28	-
East Freetown,	-	-	400	300	50 00	-	-	50 00	-	-	-
Gardner,	10,813	5,416,090	8,524	23,290	-	502 70	2,749 77	513 00	873 14	670 66	1
Gay Head,*	173	25,977	151	-	15 00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgetown,	1,900	1,002,100	9,724	11,452	-	-	3,050 69	383 59	300 00	2,367 10	-
Gill,	1,015	484,928	1,790	1,397	-	36 64	-	94	3 75	15 16	-
GLOUCESTER,	26,121	16,027,483	14,832	50,862	-	-	3,630 93	1,227 84	1,550 08	716 46	-
Magnolia,	-	-	4,515	8,010	-	-	959 44	331 65	315 15	261 08	-
Goshen,	316	135,797	749	756	10 00	28 98	1 55	39 01	7 30	80	-
Gosnold,	164	230,678	400	150	15 00	22 68	2 32	20 00	20 00	-	-
Grafton,	4,869	2,405,750	9,741	34,214	115 00	693 41	416 86	523 15	250 00	507 43	3
Granby,	761	460,122	1,500	2,783	81 25	-	31 58	75 31	24 00	1 93	-
Granville,	1,050	363,175	700	850	-	73 53	13 44	84 22	-	2 75	-
Great Barrington,	5,854	3,898,445	8,085	16,032	1,000 00	-	125 61	415 50	400 00	304 03	-
Greenfield,	7,927	5,970,081	12,815	36,382	1,500 00	218 43	-	855 78	544 35	313 96	-
Greenwich,	491	251,960	1,125	1,462	100 00	-	8 88	78 43	26 00	4 45	1
Groton,	2,052	2,727,694	9,402	11,893	750 00	321 00	261 99	500 98	425 00	407 11	1
Groveland,	2,376	978,292	1,681	11,502	200 00	212 77	1,079 70	435 75	154 30	407 41	-
South Groveland,†	-	-	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hadley,	1,789	963,238	3,497	5,250	100 00	200 00	120 00	180 00	25 00	80 00	1
Halifax,	522	281,727	2,500	2,411	50 00	-	136 19	97 39	50 00	23 80	-
Hamilton,	1,614	2,299,870	2,690	6,033	400 00	-	164 26	137 68	100 00	30 19	1
Hampden,	782	386,100	1,422	6,593	125 00	-	50	49 28	30 00	46 22	-
Hancock,	451	294,487	836	1,100	50 00	-	34 30	46 17	20 00	9 00	1
Hanover,	2,152	1,231,009	4,217	5,563	150 00	-	192 21	180 79	14 00	24 74	-
Hanson,	1,455	694,731	609	3,848	50 00	100 00	-	82 72	50 00	11 25	2
Hardwick,	3,203	1,562,490	5,218	1,617	50 00	-	149 44	98 53	40 00	8 50	-
Gilbertville,	-	-	1,088	780	-	-	120 00	120 00	-	-	-

Harvard,	1,139	970,390	4,400	4,872	100 00	96 88	205 15	94 95	100 00	151 77	-
Harwich,	2,334	1,126,043	3,270	2,702	200 00	-	-	120 00	80 00	-	-
Hatfield,	1,500	1,093,341	3,826	6,500	300 00	-	-	204 43	85 00	9 21	-
HAVERHILL,	37,175	26,443,383	65,000	148,925	6,000 00	2,409 77	12,214 73	5,445 02	6,720 81	3,458 67	4
Hawley,	429	146,322	575	420	15 00	-	-	15 00	-	-	-
Heath,	441	154,936	752	746	35 00	-	42 52	-	24 00	11 14	-
Hingham,	5,059	4,152,059	10,500	15,403	1,508 22	-	606 82	369 43	600 00	1,145 61	-
Nantasket,†	-	-	1,450	4,176	300 00	-	60 00	67 75	110 00	171 43	-
Hinsdale,	1,485	592,790	5,200	2,771	200 00	94 53	127 69	241 16	118 00	63 05	-
Holbrook,	2,229	1,217,680	4,600	15,857	600 00	255 77	525 07	728 42	275 50	45 98	-
Holden,	2,464	1,293,573	5,105	6,025	900 00	-	100 00	250 00	625 00	108 00	-
Holland,	169	78,383	571	166	25 00	27 00	4 33	30 48	23 95	1 90	-
Holliston,	2,598	1,476,676	5,408	12,693	300 00	319 52	72 78	274 58	203 00	149 80	-
HOLYOKE,	45,712	40,247,760	21,000	49,744	3,000 00	-	183 35	894 24	1,993 65	876 01	-
Hopedale,	2,087	4,192,333	8,503	14,320	2,300 00	189 63	94 59	750 04	848 42	985 76	1
Hopkinton,	2,623	1,712,080	3,645	8,621	-	-	450 00	200 00	175 00	75 00	-
Hubbardston,	1,227	639,125	7,000	5,368	-	236 80	119 32	33 85	86 00	236 27	-
Hudson,	5,454	3,001,496	7,246	26,679	600 00	252 30	-	269 27	421 60	161 43	-
Hull,	1,703	4,118,111	1,350	1,655	-	125 00	67 08	79 34	43 50	26 85	-
Huntington,	1,475	523,892	640	1,782	50 00	-	48 33	10 22	-	67 69	1
Hyde Park,	13,244	10,554,250	18,000	54,073	3,800 00	843 64	-	1,033 62	1,686 97	1,156 51	1
Ipswich,	4,658	3,245,335	11,550	9,785	-	-	1,887 35	387 61	850 00	546 31	-
Kingston,	1,955	1,381,970	4,932	11,049	800 00	-	686 75	256 57	679 00	217 97	-
Lakeville,§	958	550,436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lancaster,	2,478	3,101,312	30,224	13,685	1,000 00	363 19	627 00	924 64	730 00	335 55	8
Lanesborough,	780	464,192	2,330	2,000	25 00	85 00	-	54 00	36 00	20 00	-
LAWRENCE,	62,559	39,841,697	51,185	124,675	10,000 00	2,207 46	1,524 45	3,410 18	5,779 26	4,542 47	1
Lee,	3,596	1,760,771	6,000	6,645	300 00	182 21	86 63	188 07	186 00	64 75	-
Leicester,	3,416	2,720,879	11,018	12,523	1,100 00	-	375 68	327 36	669 26	479 06	3
Lenox,	2,942	3,711,572	13,772	16,069	-	169 96	1,337 49	385 26	409 60	716 22	1
Leominster,	12,392	7,306,945	19,975	36,634	1,600 00	844 67	499 19	707 44	902 12	1,094 13	-
Leverett,	744	275,294	1,025	955	100 00	-	3 02	40 00	27 00	34 91	3
Lexington,	3,831	5,182,060	20,205	36,629	1,350 00	490 04	848 70	985 64	1,331 54	371 56	1
Leyden,	379	198,918	1,130	713	-	35 00	14 80	5 36	10 00	1 25	-
Lincoln,	1,127	2,237,295	7,060	4,890	500 00	266 00	519 00	363 00	425 00	246 00	-
Littleton,	1,179	903,730	8,250	6,858	484 93	-	463 66	316 33	310 10	240 82	-
Longmeadow,	811	831,764	2,165	4,200	100 00	93 00	7 15	142 00	10 00	48 15	-
LOWELL,	94,969	71,496,735	61,036	128,417	15,725 00	-	999 43	2,914 48	8,937 10	3,847 78	-
Ludlow,	3,536	1,633,159	4,200	4,358	75 00	-	980 00	295 00	650 00	110 00	-
Lunenburg,	1,332	927,984	4,445	5,387	276 80	30 00	107 30	303 75	52 00	-	-
LYNN,	68,513	51,593,386	59,857	145,650	20,877 48	-	473 27	2,706 84	9,255 61	8,052 99	-
Lynnfield,	888	672,445	1,659	2,723	-	116 48	38 71	80 04	66 00	3 00	1

* Library opened in 1901.

† No report; opened in 1901.

‡ Receives \$100 each from Hingham, Cohasset and Hull.

§ Lakeville has no library.

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MALDEN,	33,664	\$27,287,540	37,133	135,722	\$11,600 00	\$1,874 62	\$3,838 88	\$3,711 63	\$5,408 14	\$4,191 86	7
Manchester,	2,522	8,723,604	10,069	16,421	1,050 00	267 58	56 50	338 29	854 06	181 73	-
Mansfield,	4,006	1,978,066	3,470	10,845	300 00	-	31 00	78 49	156 00	15 79	-
Marblehead,	7,582	6,515,279	14,689	22,002	700 00	-	1,072 38	514 43	775 45	92 74	-
Marion,	902	1,373,743	4,050	5,930	100 00	-	575 00	327 00	275 00	113 00	-
MARLBOROUGH,	13,609	9,200,127	20,000	52,103	1,500 00	1,273 42	48 71	750 00	1,405 00	612 53	-
Marshfield,	1,810	1,329,245	3,115	10,265	350 00	-	22 71	99 31	139 79	185 24	6
Mashpee,	303	182,120	800	248	30 00	-	-	12 50	10 50	1 65	-
Mattapoisett,	1,061	1,516,675	3,497	8,750	325 00	161 19	45 23	271 73	120 00	139 69	-
Maynard,	3,142	2,125,541	4,279	7,525	150 00	177 27	39 53	110 60	171 70	135 95	-
Medfield,	2,926	1,452,656	4,360	9,187	75 00	215 75	93 03	154 85	150 00	36 65	-
MEDFORD,	18,244	19,776,400	23,245	77,546	7,267 00	1,442 39	281 32	1,935 13	3,726 81	3,327 42	5
Medway, West,	2,761	1,402,085	2,910	10,350	50 00	338 27	-	153 77	50 00	87 43	-
Medway Village,	-	-	5,500	-	-	97 07	350 00*	250 00	100 00	97 07	-
MELROSE,	12,962	12,778,365	13,348	61,945	2,800 00	958 93	143 79	1,026 57	827 00	1,375 77	1
Mendon,	911	538,797	4,153	4,062	150 00	-	11 57	95 88	50 00	10 24	-
Merrimac,	2,131	1,268,940	6,135	9,844	500 00	-	22 84	170 32	200 00	132 02	-
Methuen,	7,512	4,719,595	15,209	20,874	-	-	3,000 00*	1,500 00	1,500 00	-	-
Middleborough,	6,885	3,900,798	8,309	22,308	-	751 68	630 54	528 57	385 00	124 29	-
Middlefield,	410	199,001	1,148	705	15 00	55 00	-	25 00	10 00	-	1
Middleton,	839	569,923	5,430	5,853	-	-	738 63	303 99	229 95	706 78	-
Milford,	11,376	5,696,060	12,734	30,838	600 00	836 54	367 69	1,198 93	381 60	223 70	-
Millbury,	4,460	2,240,813	9,100	15,150	500 00	541 02	55 55	455 40	221 97	419 20	-
Millis,	1,053	698,375	2,348	4,404	-	183 17	13 25	113 83	51 20	23 55	-
Milton,	6,578	20,848,999	13,000	32,705	3,800 00	957 05	735 57	1,033 65	2,374 32	2,013 00	4
Monroe,	305	146,977	270	320	-	14 44	-	-	-	-	1
Monson,	3,402	1,779,481	7,610	11,477	300 00	-	1,465 35	418 48	500 00	530 73	-
Montague,	6,150	3,667,828	5,100	7,062	275 00	66 00	-	144 31	119 10	103 17	-
Turner's Falls,	-	-	4,918	16,938	850 00	132 37	8 02	431 57	300 00	258 82	-
Monterey,	455	226,845	950	1,300	40 00	-	3 09	23 30	10 00	6 04	-
Montgomery,	273	140,598	340	200	25 00	-	-	17 20	7 80	-	-
Mount Washington,	122	94,134	420	150	15 00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nahant,	1,152	5,374,540	12,685	10,422	1,850 00	-	203 03	547 09	611 60	894 34	-
Nantucket,	3,006	3,338,033	11,350	19,200	900 00	-	1,595 99	632 20	1,096 95	997 28	-
Natick,	9,488	5,989,075	19,763	37,619	1,800 00	954 94	700 00	544 50	1,736 59	1,075 66	-
South Natick,	-	-	6,000	4,753	-	-	560 00	22 00	225 00	285 92	-

Needham,	4,016	3,406,360	6,275	15,305	300 00	558 09	38 06	488 71	185 98	107 38	1
New Ashford,	107	54,170	511	150	-	16 00	-	5 02	6 80	33	-
NEW BEDFORD,	62,442	57,884,452	75,035	115,763	11,680 00	1,306 43	3,726 00	3,482 46	9,443 83	2,549 44	2
New Braintree,	500	405,830	1,922	1,398	100 00	-	2 16	65 78	25 09	4 25	-
New Marlborough,†	1,282	575,749	529	-	25 00	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Salem,	807	293,125	2,000	1,566	40 00	-	168 84	171 44	38 40	-	-
Newbury,†	1,601	1,093,134	-	-	150 00	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEWBURYPORT,	14,478	10,135,233	35,800	37,948	2,250 00	567 06	2,039 19	1,563 52	2,625 57	725 06	-
NEWTON,	33,587	57,634,720	59,389	167,076	12,460 00	-	1,042 71	4,226 04	5,550 22	3,693 56	11
Norfolk,	980	598,715	1,435	2,924	100 00	-	1 75	54 10	26 00	18 18	-
NORTH ADAMS,	24,200	12,902,009	17,942	73,962	6,000 00	-	289 97	3,089 54	2,491 30	709 14	2
North Andover,	2,243	4,274,611	10,127	14,764	1,200 00	403 62	-	442 47	500 00	502 72	1
North Attleborough,	7,253	3,896,319	5,987	24,073	2,000 00	-	150 00	460 00	750 00	940 00	7
North Brookfield,	4,587	1,827,473	5,982	22,181	1,600 00	-	259 07	226 25	913 39	617 51	-
North Reading,	1,055	555,429	4,624	7,627	-	199 80	165 00	130 38	60 00	9 40	-
NORTHAMPTON,	18,643	12,092,280	31,843	46,974	2,000 00	-	2,660 00	675 00	2,099 12	1,254 74	-
Forbes Library,	-	-	81,500	83,450	5,000 00	-	27,704 76	13,936 76	7,157 20	2,012 61	9
Florence,	-	-	6,100	13,477	-	-	516 00	220 35	-	236 63	-
Northborough,	2,164	1,274,147	11,000	8,016	250 00	317 70	546 21	585 79	398 50	110 70	-
Northbridge,	7,036	3,425,810	6,318	9,541	900 00	-	87 00	223 88	150 00	610 06	1
Northfield,	1,966	934,512	4,586	10,442	625 00	-	-	200 00	300 00	125 00	-
Norton,	1,826	867,865	4,998	7,619	400 00	-	453 19	292 59	265 00	295 60	3
Norwell,§	1,560	850,074	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norwood,	5,480	4,476,809	8,231	22,644	2,300 00	428 11	498 33	693 72	1,551 78	876 78	-
Oakham,	588	317,710	1,116	1,600	50 00	-	3 85	20 00	45 00	1 75	1
Orange,	5,520	2,961,490	7,006	22,650	600 00	203 17	251 44	375 07	408 40	162 90	1
Orleans,	1,123	554,437	3,697	7,735	150 00	-	192 74	83 34	158 12	52 32	1
Otis,	476	216,292	603	750	15 00	-	-	12 25	5 00	35	-
Oxford,	2,677	1,431,613	6,751	13,023	-	444 47	93 33	301 65	147 50	53 75	1
Palmer,	7,801	2,819,837	5,849	14,855	1,000 00	-	124 96	261 20	298 50	262 42	-
Paxton,	459	304,575	2,162	1,246	50 00	-	16 25	14 66	26 50	2 80	-
Peabody,	11,523	8,143,520	37,370	34,824	-	-	7,483 74	846 27	2,550 60	3,112 00	1
Eben Dale Sutton Library,	-	-	3,502	-	-	-	1,568 00	274 64	325 00	59 18	-
Pelham,	462	185,337	726	327	15 00	-	7 09	-	13 00	5 72	-
Pembroke,	1,240	623,410	2,000	2,456	-	95 93	18 00	5 05	18 31	13 00	1
Bryantville,	-	-	1,211	3,189	-	-	6 76	-	-	-	-
Pepperell,	3,701	2,322,844	13,062	8,400	250 00	575 20	-	245 49	100 00	479 71	-
Peru,	253	120,249	670	1,120	15 00	-	38 42	75	-	70	-
Petersham,	853	636,819	8,000	5,500	250 00	-	209 59	70 90	259 02	241 22	-
Phillipston,	441	275,009	5,381	2,401	52 00	-	121 05	74 89	53 00	44 92	-
PITTSFIELD,	21,766	15,229,367	38,983	92,561	6,000 00	-	2,000 00	2,450 00	4,000 00	1,550 00	3

* Estimated.

† Free library opened in Southfield in 1901.

‡ Newbury has full privileges in the Newburyport Library.

§ Has no free public library.

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Plainfield,	404	\$168,540	1,050	1,206	\$50 00	-	-	\$20 00	\$12 00	\$16 00	-
Plymouth,	9,592	7,800,815	13,424	33,756	1,300 00	-	\$688 66	594 26	775 00	862 27	-
North Plymouth,	-	-	1,800	10,724	-	-	2,000 00	600 00	1,000 00	400 00	-
Plympton,	488	331,087	1,267	2,396	90 00	\$25 00	5 05	58 03	53 64	4 92	-
Prescott,	380	104,223	431	896	-	76 93	-	60 00	10 00	1 15	-
Princeton,	975	839,353	4,793	4,987	150 00	-	162 00	175 00	100 00	23 00	1
Provincetown,	4,247	1,849,138	7,950	12,000	350 00	202 67	317 55	286 31	352 85	225 39	-
QUINCY,	23,899	20,291,376	21,000	89,500	6,000 00	-	438 86	1,972 12	2,590 20	1,860 37	3
Randolph,	3,993	1,904,450	16,019	20,172	-	439 36	3,088 79	955 15	850 00	728 80	-
Raynham,	1,540	750,484	1,200	800	-	-	70 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	-
Reading,	4,969	4,412,574	8,840	15,506	1,000 00	349 29	-	236 00	378 25	689 95	-
Rehoboth,	1,840	787,777	1,565	1,250	-	-	35 00	10 00	25 00	-	-
Revere,	10,395	10,217,460	7,000	39,354	2,000 00	-	40 00	737 91	831 25	426 89	4
Richmond,	679	326,536	795	835	67 89	-	-	22 87	42 00	-	2
Rochester,	986	514,919	2,750	3,034	200 00	-	31 31	114 25	52 00	64 75	1
Rockland,	5,327	3,176,644	9,903	26,055	900 00	557 57	-	180 84	613 00	893 77	-
Rockport,	4,592	2,772,506	4,685	11,750	225 00	176 71	331 63	361 33	323 00	49 01	-
Pigeon Cove,	-	-	-	-	100 00	-	31 55	-	82 00	18 24	-
Rowe,	549	175,612	1,467	1,345	40 00	-	-	20 00	20 00	-	-
Rowley,	1,391	686,103	2,527	4,698	-	150 56	57 89	77 90	75 00	-	-
Royalston,	958	480,332	2,080	2,537	50 00	-	60 40	72 60	30 00	7 80	1
Russell,	793	490,804	709	600	50 00	-	73	18 00	24 00	4 07	1
Rutland,	1,334	613,256	3,000	4,208	121 53	-	70 36	74 65	78 00	16 87	-
SALEM,	35,956	27,878,291	40,223	115,306	9,700 00	-	2,695 09	3,577 83	5,657 83	2,039 70	-
Salisbury,	1,558	686,290	999	2,957	150 00	-	8 44	82 85	50 00	25 00	-
Sandisfield,	661	320,292	807	660	35 00	-	-	19 51	7 00	3 65	-
Sandwich,	1,448	971,725	1,936	5,868	100 00	-	608 85	242 19	75 00	38 32	-
Saugus,	5,084	3,676,839	5,863	18,452	500 00	394 35	-	458 86	240 30	195 19	5
Savoy,	506	157,111	560	200	15 00	-	-	-	15 00	-	-
Scituate,	2,470	2,642,700	1,685	2,550	120 00	-	12 75	26 24	25 00	22 36	-
North Scituate,	-	-	2,800	4,646	120 00	-	90 00	117 00	78 00	-	-
Seekonk,	1,673	1,005,215	483	2,080	75 00	-	-	75 00	-	-	-
Sharon,	2,060	1,840,700	5,615	11,949	-	304 16	352 29	193 92	175 00	8 75	-
Sheffield,	1,804	865,525	1,579	2,910	125 00	-	184 75	181 85	30 00	34 97	-

Shelburne,	1,508	903,957	1,856	2,348	250 00	-	-	209 64	28 25	11 41	-
Shelburne Falls,	-	-	9,000	12,475	400 00	-	323 61	250 00	120 00	350 00	-
Sherborn,	1,483	836,170	9,083	2,025	50 00	136 47	61 60	168 07	80 00	-	-
Shirley,	1,680	799,404	3,167	4,009	300 00	-	56 06	116 91	100 00	80 54	1
Shrewsbury,	1,626	1,154,201	5,039	7,453	705 54	-	-	296 02	210 00	165 66	-
Shutesbury,	882	178,036	1,205	912	50 00	-	7 20	50 41	-	-	-
Somerset,	2,241	1,044,635	1,150	4,264	100 00	-	4 83	53 87	26 00	48 70	-
SOMERVILLE,	61,643	52,513,400	48,072	270,133	10,000 00	3,257 45	529 57	4,116 62	6,924 80	2,702 68	5
South Hadley,	4,526	2,510,040	5,475	18,356	1,000 00	-	289 27	424 88	284 79	193 41	1
Southampton,	1,012	498,360	3,700	2,000	194 17	-	-	194 17	-	-	-
Southborough,	1,921	1,451,559	2,400	6,403	-	144 66	181 34	134 60	130 00	57 00	-
Southbridge,	10,025	4,000,895	18,100	21,408	2,000 00	633 00	129 93	669 30	1,027 47	1,027 83	-
Southwick,	1,040	496,080	1,422	2,500	200 00	-	5 80	115 90	76 00	7 80	-
Spencer,	7,627	3,475,700	11,117	23,002	1,200 00	-	338 64	342 23	640 57	300 87	-
SPRINGFIELD,	62,059	72,358,481	118,326	212,669	36,500 00	3,445 00	5,767 00	6,072 00	14,767 00	16,151 00	-
Sterling,	1,420	897,440	6,500	4,922	50 00	219 43	392 61	237 54	160 00	197 20	-
Stockbridge,	2,081	3,296,377	7,500	9,700	600 00	137 30	274 05	255 74	422 85	165 23	1
Stoneham,	6,197	5,143,300	9,181	29,335	1,350 00	650 18	-	516 08	689 00	681 34	-
Stoughton,	5,442	2,962,416	7,420	21,185	-	274 82	683 99	631 09	334 00	38 05	1
Stow,	1,002	795,899	3,783	3,150	-	-	562 00	215 00	190 00	109 71	1
Sturbridge,	2,058	944,766	6,104	4,636	207 52	-	510 00	238 33	221 50	58 10	1
Sudbury,	1,150	1,176,572	11,655	6,423	-	-	871 10	266 40	252 03	397 85	-
Sunderland,	771	446,077	3,263	4,108	50 00	28 35	180 98	10 50	38 60	25 21	-
Sutton,	3,328	1,184,925	4,918	5,112	215 00	-	-	120 00	50 00	45 00	-
South Sutton,	-	-	715	628	52 00	-	-	20 95	10 00	23 15	-
West Sutton,	-	-	617	597	52 00	-	-	31 99	10 00	-	-
Manchaug,	-	-	2,141	1,300	112 00	-	-	61 69	12 00	-	-
Wilkinsonville,	-	-	462	304	52 00	-	-	38 14	10 00	-	-
Swampscott,	4,548	5,585,175	7,770	25,062	650 00	-	459 60	704 10	350 00	55 50	-
Swansea,	1,645	942,150	2,700	8,054	350 00	-	311 58	169 66	251 00	83 24	3
TAUNTON,	31,036	20,853,680	48,000	72,932	5,550 00	1,806 83	238 41	2,250 43	3,139 75	2,145 76	1
Templeton,	3,489	1,322,568	5,912	13,502	290 23	-	423 68	408 64	250 00	55 27	3
Tewksbury,	3,683	1,725,099	5,586	6,687	200 00	307 30	8 49	309 20	195 86	7 61	6
Tisbury,	1,149	1,008,936	4,462	8,258	150 00	-	358 68	11 75	82 50	93 89	-
Tolland,	275	137,796	387	65	15 00	-	25	-	5 00	1 75	-
Topsfield,	1,030	859,435	8,211	5,994	75 00	-	457 46	199 92	115 00	214 97	-
Townsend,	1,804	1,127,856	3,946	6,048	-	256 50	133 88	155 28	100 00	105 20	1
Truro,	767	342,780	1,575	2,027	60 00	-	3 80	20 12	30 00	13 68	2
Tyngsborough,	773	417,829	4,918	3,670	97 64	140 22	-	169 31	73 00	5 65	-
Tyringham,	386	221,717	502	358	40 00	-	-	-	12 00	13 50	-
Upton,	1,937	1,283,626	4,118	7,666	320 00	40 00	10 04	169 78	125 00	78 53	-
Uxbridge,	3,599	2,264,050	10,020	12,010	800 00	441 57	366 30	270 84	612 50	646 19	-

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Wakefield,	9,290	\$7,765,215	13,796	28,952	\$675 00	\$580 25	\$248 23	\$428 42	\$600 00	\$475 00	-
Wales,	773	268,630	840	1,513	200 00	-	23 63	181 40	30 00	14 05	-
Walpole,	3,572	2,665,680	8,583	18,443	1,500 00	-	24 24	764 05	424 05	309 37	1
WALTHAM,	23,481	20,049,939	27,687	57,907	2,400 00	1,284 27	45 38	1,127 29	1,768 14	788 01	-
Ware,	8,263	4,141,130	12,034	25,645	1,000 00	459 18	423 55	661 65	675 44	545 64	-
Wareham,	3,432	2,512,755	2,201	6,327	300 00	-	13 17	102 83	75 00	135 34	-
Warren,	4,417	1,744,522	10,041	13,945	600 00	433 46	448 28	351 34	464 04	565 30	1
Warwick,	619	341,575	3,985	4,301	\$1 29	18 71	109 66	130 46	50 00	55 34	-
Washington,	377	247,724	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watertown,	9,706	10,743,242	26,801	36,430	4,000 00	539 51	544 58	1,311 10	2,668 99	1,025 25	2
Wayland,	2,303	1,649,275	13,664	5,901	300 00	131 67	72 66	284 23	428 47	173 14	1
Webster,	8,804	4,974,105	5,818	19,574	1,400 00	-	350 26	606 70	368 50	775 06	-
Wellesley,	5,072	8,936,675	12,055	19,311	1,100 00	434 00	890 00	668 74	735 00	960 26	3
Wellfleet,	988	791,533	2,500	4,300	100 00	-	17 52	33 12	42 50	31 90	-
Wendell,	492	239,786	1,002	1,450	50 00	15 00	-	33 09	25 00	6 91	2
Wenham,	847	1,032,000	3,586	3,296	200 00	-	30 04	181 20	-	22 76	2
West Boylston,	2,314	900,886	5,881	4,413	913 80	299 62	6 60	271 42	100 65	61 45	-
West Bridgewater,	1,712	1,252,769	5,258	4,400	365 62	-	77 25	216 62	150 00	12 00	-
West Brookfield,	1,448	779,308	7,209	7,869	200 00	268 73	491 92	272 28	325 00	149 21	-
West Newbury,	1,558	870,620	3,364	6,710	300 00	141 67	35 05	243 73	115 25	114 51	-
West Springfield,	7,105	5,041,060	6,000	16,118	500 00	606 00	10 31	175 00	225 00	449 69	-
West Stockbridge,	1,158	404,063	1,542	2,163	125 00	-	3 55	70 80	16 66	23 40	-
West Tisbury,	442	387,827	1,400	884	-	48 00	-	48 00	-	-	-
Westborough,	5,400	2,939,469	12,948	29,802	600 00	483 84	830 89	872 85	664 86	416 45	-
Westfield,	12,310	8,250,867	18,209	39,367	1,750 00	817 61	1,613 99	846 79	1,513 64	1,308 77	2
Westford,	2,624	1,281,677	11,056	13,771	517 20	402 31	150 21	522 53	296 20	250 99	3
Westhampton,	469	214,817	2,609	1,650	25 00	75 49	35 00	105 00	25 00	-	-
Westminster,	1,327	720,483	4,483	6,057	50 00	248 12	10 28	172 45	92 54	26 05	-
Weston,	1,834	4,435,527	13,245	11,384	1,468 00	402 74	541 98	819 84	990 90	571 84	-
Westport,	2,890	1,568,925	1,150	1,159	-	50 00	3 00	25 00	13 00	14 75	-
Westwood,	1,112	1,314,895	2,445	1,369	-	272 51	-	125 00	40 00	36 00	1
Weymouth,	11,324	6,694,088	20,651	55,795	1,900 00	526 12	1,205 56	597 72	1,326 99	1,700 47	7
South Weymouth,	-	-	4,405	23,830	500 00	-	903 00	197 50	970 00	235 50	-
Whately,	769	413,528	2,300	3,600	150 00	50 17	1 00	30 98	40 00	129 00	-
Whitman,	6,155	3,643,840	10,849	34,215	1,800 00	-	105 37	535 89	681 90	687 58	-
Willbraham,	1,595	778,852	1,569	2,754	25 00	165 14	34 01	141 79	24 00	58 36	1

Williamsburg,	1,926	881,932	11,000	3,718	-	-	732 00	200 00	260 00	229 00	-
Haydenville,	-	-	1,300	2,900	100 00	-	-	50 00	20 00	30 00	-
Williamstown,	5,013	2,790,168	4,760	8,327	300 00	69 66	29 30	149 13	125 15	52 30	-
South Williamstown,	-	-	1,440	1,864	50 00	34 83	68 59	80 88	28 26	22 30	-
Blackinton,†	-	-	3,810	3,112	250 00	-	-	211 00	6 00	33 00	-
Wilmington,	1,596	1,095,877	2,652	2,825	150 00	-	25 00	105 00	53 00	17 00	-
Winchendon,	5,001	2,614,354	7,237	19,685	1,200 00	-	32 69	343 34	344 22	522 88	-
Winchester,	7,248	8,483,680	14,294	43,925	1,500 00	530 78	189 30	734 78	372 85	430 61	-
Windsor,	507	195,276	776	801	25 00	-	1 95	25 94	-	1 01	2
Winthrop,	6,058	6,998,225	6,522	33,175	2,000 00	-	105 00	589 87	745 18	766 28	-
WOBURN,	14,254	10,555,975	42,444	56,807	3,000 00	1,107 35	2,479 58	991 14	3,191 85	2,659 71	-
WORCESTER,	118,421	112,043,973	131,315	201,538	33,000 00	5,539 82	9,754 06	11,772 77	20,420 56	13,476 78	78
Worthington,	675	300,245	1,506	1,275	-	-	128 99	12 00	12 15	15 08	-
Wrentham,	2,720	1,519,375	3,300	12,600	500 00	-	240 24	253 33	166 40	342 22	2
Yarmouth,	1,682	1,785,376	5,273	3,900	-	-	756 60	223 92	327 45	189 06	2
West Yarmouth,	-	-	735	690	-	-	73 56	29 00	18 00	-	-
South Yarmouth,	-	-	1,871	1,800	-	-	40 00	12 00	15 00	13 00	-
	2,805,346	\$2,961,119,947	4,221,290	8,221,641	\$738,666 22	\$45,770 56	\$238,653 19	\$238,004 71	\$455,806 88	\$279,808 88	451

* Has full privileges in the Becket free library.

† Oscar A. Archer branch of North Adams Library.

APPENDIX II.

NAMES

OF

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

AND

NAMES OF LIBRARIANS.

Names of Free Public Libraries and Names of Librarians.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Abington,	Abington Public Library, . . .	Mary Otis Nash.
Acton,	Acton Memorial Library, . . .	Viola S. Tuttle.
Acushnet,	Acushnet Free Public Library, .	Elsie Collins.
Adams,	Adams Free Public Library, . .	Lucy C. Richmond.
Agawam,	Agawam Public Library, . . .	Emma F. Pyne.
Alford,	Alford Free Town Library, . .	Mrs. Rachael E. Ploss.
Amesbury,	Amesbury Public Library, . . .	Alice C. Follansbee.
Amherst,	Amherst Public Library, . . .	Mary M. Robison.
North Amherst,	North Amherst Public Library, .	Esther L. Haskins.
Andover,	Memorial Hall Library, . . .	Ballard Holt.
Ballardvale,	Bradlee Library,	Howell F. Wilson.
Arlington,	Robbins Library,	Elizabeth J. Newton.
Ashburnham,	Ashburnham Public Library, . .	Lona M. Davis.
South Ashburnham,	South Ashburnham Library, . .	Clara Felt.
Ashby,	Ashby Town Library,	Mrs. Fred Allen.
Ashfield,	Ashfield Library Association, .	Julia A. Williams.
Ashland,	Ashland Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Emily F. B. Metcalf.
Athol,	Athol Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Mercie S. Doane.
Attleborough,	Attleborough Public Library, . .	Letitia S. Allen.
Auburn,	Auburn Free Public Library, . .	Josie E. Prouty.
Avon,	Avon Public Library,	Harry L. Robinson.
Ayer,	Ayer Library,	May M. Fletcher.
Barnstable,	Sturgis Library,	Elizabeth C. Nye.
Centreville,	Centreville Free Public Library Association.	Sadie Bearse.
Cotuit,	Cotuit Library,	Mrs. Adeline F. Bearse.
Hyannis,	Hyannis Free Public Library, . .	Elfrida J. Bradford.
Marston's Mills,	Marston's Mills Library, . . .	Lillie Backus.
Osterville,	Osterville Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Maurice G. Crocker.
Barre,	Barre Town Library,	Mary Elizabeth Lane.
Becket,	Becket Athenaeum,	Mrs. Eliza Millard.
Bedford,	Bedford Free Public Library, . .	Charlotte M. Corey.
Belchertown,	Clapp Memorial Library, . . .	Lydia A. Barton.
Bellingham,	Bellingham Free Public Library.	Sara T. Rockwood.
Belmont,	Belmont Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Nellie F. S. McCabe.
Berkley,	Berkley Public Library, . . .	Julia R. Burt.
Berlin,	Berlin Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Mary M. Wheeler.
Bernardston,	Cushman Library,	Mrs. C. R. Hills.
BEVERLY,	Beverly Public Library, . . .	Martha P. Smith.
Billerica,	Bennett Public Library, . . .	Fannie S. Paige.
Talbot Mills,	Talbot Library,	Lillie Bottomly.
Blackstone,	Blackstone Public Library, . .	William A. Cole.
Blandford,	Blandford Free Public Library, .	Hattie Parks Herrick.
Bolton,	Bolton Public Library,	Fidelia C. Newton.
BOSTON,	Public Library of the City of Boston.	James Lyman Whitney.
Bourne,	Bourne Free Library,	Fred C. Small.
Boxborough,	Boxborough Free Public Library.	Mabel B. Priest.
Boxford,	Boxford Public Library, . . .	Gratuitous services of different ladies.
West Boxford,	West Boxford Public Library, . .	Katharine G. Perley.
Boylston,	Boylston Public Library, . . .	George L. Wright.
Braintree,	Thayer Public Library, . . .	Abbie M. Arnold.
Brewster,	Brewster Ladies' Library Association.	Mrs. Emily Rowe.
Bridgewater,	Bridgewater Public Library, . .	Lucia L. Christian.
Brimfield,	Brimfield Public Library, . . .	M. Anna Tarbell.
BROCKTON,	Brockton Public Library, . . .	Clarence W. Ayer.
Brookfield,	Merrick Public Library, . . .	Eliza R. Hobbs.
Brookline,	Public Library of Brookline, . .	Hiller C. Wellman.
Buckland,	Buckland Public Church Library.	S. Brainard Pratt.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Burlington, . . .	Burlington Town Library, . .	Florence I. Foster.
CAMBRIDGE, . . .	Cambridge Public Library, . .	William L. R. Gifford.
Canton, . . .	Canton Public Library, . .	Mrs. Lucy D. Downes.
Carlisle, . . .	Carlisle Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Mary A. Green.
Carver, . . .	Carver Free Public Library, . .	Bernice E. Barrows.
Charlemont, . . .	Charlemont Free Town Library, .	Lizzie M. Temple.
Charlton, . . .	Charlton Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Hattie L. Carpenter.
Chatham, . . .	Chatham Public Library, . .	Florence Howes Bond.
Chelmsford, . . .	Adams Library, . .	Charles H. Greenleaf.
North Chelmsford, . .	North Chelmsford Library Association.	Emma T. Gay.
CHELSEA, . . .	Fitz Public Library, . .	Medora J. Simpson.
Cheshire, . . .	Cheshire Library Association, . .	Emma E. Martin.
Chester, . . .	Chester Public Library, . .	Gertrude Burchum.
Chesterfield, . . .	Chesterfield Free Public Library.	Mrs. Kate V. A. Clary.
CHICOPEE, . . .	Chicopee City Library, . .	Anne A. Smith.
Chilmark, . . .	Chilmark Free Public Library, . .	Florence B. Mayhew.
Clarksburg, . . .	Clarksburg Public Library, . .	—
Clinton, . . .	Bigelow Free Public Library, . .	Charlotte L. Greene.
Cohasset, . . .	Cohasset Free Public Library, . .	Sarah B. Collier.
Colrain, . . .	Colrain Free Library, . .	Katherine H. Cram.
Concord, . . .	Concord Free Public Library, . .	Helen Whitney Kelley.
Conway, . . .	Conway Public Library, . .	Grace Pease.
Cottage City, . . .	Cottage City Free Public Library.	Josephine Gallagher.
Cummington, . . .	Bryant Free Library, . .	Lorenzo H. Tower.
Dalton, . . .	Dalton Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. M. E. Davison.
Dana, . . .	Dana Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Susan E. Stevens.
North Dana, . . .	Dana Free Public Library, . .	Grace C. Oakes.
Danvers, . . .	Peabody Institute Library, . .	Mrs. Emilie D. Patch.
Dartmouth, . . .	Dartmouth Free Public Library, .	Mary A. Tucker.
South Dartmouth, . .	Southworth Library, . .	Henry M. Walker.
Dedham, . . .	Dedham Public Library, . .	Frances M. Mann.
Deerfield, . . .	South Deerfield Free Public Library.	Flora Menter.
Deerfield, . . .	Dickinson Library, . .	Robert Pelton Sibley.
Pocumtuck Valley Association.	Library of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association.	George Sheldon.
Dennis, . . .	Jacob Sears Memorial Library, .	Mrs. Nathan Sears.
Dighton, . . .	Dighton Free Public Library, . .	Dwight F. Lane.
Douglas, . . .	Douglas Free Public Library, . .	Alice E. Luther.
Dover, . . .	Dover Town Library, . .	Alma M. Chickering.
Dracont, . . .	Dracont Public Library, . .	Amy H. Goodhue.
Dudley, . . .	Dudley Free Public Library, . .	Norah G. Thompson.
Dunstable, . . .	Dunstable Free Public Library, .	Lizzie A. Swallow.
Duxbury, . . .	Duxbury Free Library, . .	Mrs. Francis M. Weed.
East Bridgewater, . .	East Bridgewater Public Library.	Lucey L. Siddall.
Eastham, . . .	Eastham Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Herbert C. Clark.*
Easthampton, . . .	Public Library Association, . .	Dorcas Chapin Miller.
East Longmeadow, . .	East Longmeadow Public Library.	Mary R. McIntosh.
Easton, . . .	Ames Free Library, . .	Mary L. Lamprey.
Edgartown, . . .	Edgartown Free Public Library.	Eunice C. Ripley.
Egremont, . . .	Egremont Free Library, . .	Margaret O'Neil.
Enfield, . . .	Enfield Library Association, . .	Ada L. Harwood.
Erving, . . .	Erving Town Library, . .	Mrs. Albert G. Bugbee.
Miller's Falls, . . .	Erving Town Library, . .	Mrs. W. A. Batman.
Essex, . . .	T. O. H. P. Burnham Public Library.	Jennie H. Woodman.
EVERETT, . . .	Frederick E. Parlin Memorial Library.	Ellen L. Johnson.
Glendale, . . .	Shute Memorial Library, . .	E. Leona Lydiard.
Fairhaven, . . .	The Millicent Library, . .	Drew B. Hall.
FALL RIVER, . . .	Fall River Public Library, . .	William R. Ballard.
Falmouth, . . .	Falmouth Free Public Library, .	Clara L. Davis.
West Falmouth, . . .	West Falmouth Library, . .	Albert S. Bowerman.
Woods Hole, . . .	Woods Hole Library, . .	Joseph Walsh.
FITCHBURG, . . .	Fitchburg Public Library, . .	Prescott C. Rice.
Florida, . . .	Florida Free Library, . .	Mrs. E. J. Whitcomb.
Foxborough, . . .	Boyden Library, . .	Mary D. Torrey.
Framingham, . . .	Framingham Town Library, . .	Emma L. Clarke.

Names of Free Public Libraries and Names of Librarians—Con.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Franklin,	Franklin Library Association,	Mrs. Ella G. Campbell.
Freetown,	Guilford H. Hathaway Library,	M. Florence Dean.
East Freetown, . .	East Freetown Circulating Li- brary.	E. W. Lawrence.
Gardner,	Levi Heywood Memorial Li- brary.	Frances E. Haynes.
Gay Head,	Gay Head Public Library, . .	Harry G. Reed.
Georgetown, . . .	Georgetown Peabody Library, .	Sarah T. Noyes.
Gill,	Gill Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. William Franklin.
Riverside,	Gill Free Public Library, . .	Frank D. Jones.
GLOUCESTER, . . .	Sawyer Free Library, . . .	Rachel S. Webber.
Magnolia,	Magnolia Library,	Elizabeth T. Thornton.
Goshen,	Goshen Free Public Library, .	Mrs. E. A. Godfrey.
Gosnold,	Gosnold Free Public Library, .	Mrs. Bertha S. Stetson.
Grafton,	Grafton Free Public Library, .	Mabel L. Howe.
Granby,	Granby Free Public Library, .	Cora H. Kellogg.
Granville,	Granville Free Public Library, .	Mrs. H. G. Rockwell.
Great Barrington, .	Great Barrington Free Library, .	Emma W. Sheldon.
Greenfield,	Greenfield Free Library, . .	Elizabeth P. Morgan.
Greenwich,	Greenwich Public Library, . .	Helen I. Nevins.
Groton,	Groton Free Public Library, .	Emma F. Blood.
Groveland,	Groveland Public Library, . .	Mrs. Emily Longfellow Vaughan.
South Groveland, .	Hale Library,	- - - - -
Hadley,	Hadley Free Library,	S. A. Randall.
Halifax,	Holmes Public Library, . . .	James T. Thomas.
Hamilton,	Hamilton Public Library, . .	Mrs. Grace C. Stone.
Hampden,	Hampden Free Public Library, .	Mrs. John Q. Adams.
Hancock,	Hancock Public Library, . .	Daniel Shepardon.
Hanover,	John Curtis Free Library, . .	Alice L. Bailey.
Hanson, South, . .	Hanson Free Public Library, .	Mrs. Abby F. Phillips.
Hanson, North, . .	Hanson Free Public Library, .	Mrs. Ida F. Witherell.
Hardwick,	Hardwick Free Town Library, .	Hannah R. Spooner.
Hardwick,	E. R. Paige Library,	Hannah R. Spooner.
Gilbertville, . . .	George H. Gilbert Manufactur- ing Company's Library.	A. H. Richardson.
Harvard,	Harvard Public Library, . .	Mrs. Estelle E. Clark.
Harwich,	Broadbrooks Free Library, .	Lulu B. Tobey.
Hatfield,	Hatfield Public Library, . .	Suzanne L. Underwood.
HAVERHILL,	Haverhill Public Library, . .	John H. Sanderson.
Hawley,	Hawley Free Public Library, .	John Grant Moulton.
West Hawley, . . .	Hawley Free Public Library, .	Mrs. Florence S. Bissell.
Heath,	Heath Free Public Library, .	Mrs. Willis Vincent.
Hingham,	Hingham Public Library, . .	Henry Kirk Smith.
Nantasket,	Nantasket Public Library, . .	Hawkes Fearing.
Hinsdale,	Hinsdale Public Library Asso- ciation.	Mary W. Clark.
Holbrook,	Holbrook Public Library, . .	James Hosmer.
Holden,	Gale Free Library,	Zenas A. French.
Holland,	Holland Public Library, . .	Mrs. Addie M. Holden.
Holliston,	Holliston Public Library, . .	Mrs. Bertha Howlett.
HOLYOKE,	Holyoke Public Library, . .	Josephine E. Rockwood.
Hopedale,	Bancroft Memorial Library, .	Frank Grenell Willcox.
Hopkinton,	Hopkinton Public Library, . .	Harriet B. Sornberger.
Hubbardston, . . .	Hubbardston Public Library, .	Sadie B. Stewart.
Hudson,	Hudson Public Library, . . .	Lucy H. Grimes.
Hull,	Hull School Library,	Grace M. Whittemore.
Huntington,	Huntington Free Public Li- brary.	The Three Trustees.
Hyde Park,	Hyde Park Public Library, . .	Mrs. A. E. Munson.
Ipswich,	Ipswich Free Public Library, .	Elizabeth Ainsworth.
Kingston,	Frederic C. Adams Public Li- brary.	Lydia A. Caldwell.
Lancaster,	Lancaster Town Library, . .	Mrs. Jennie F. McLauthlen.
Lanesborough, . . .	Lanesborough Town Library, .	Ella Sites Wood.
LAWRENCE,	Lawrence Free Public Library, .	Bessie Cummings.
Lee,	Lee Public Library,	William A. Walsh.
Leicester,	Leicester Public Library, . .	Isabella D. Bassett.
Lenox,	Lenox Library Association, . .	Mary D. Thurston.
Leominster,	Leominster Public Library, . .	Anna Louise White.
Leverett,	Leverett Free Public Library, .	Florence Ethel Wheeler.
North Leverett, . .	Leverett Free Public Library, .	Mrs. W. P. Ames.
Lexington,	Cary Library,	Mrs. S. S. Graves.
Leyden,	Leyden Free Public Library, .	Marian P. Kirkland.
		Leticia Severance.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Lincoln, . . .	Lincoln Public Library, . . .	Hulda A. Howes.
Littleton, . . .	Reuben Hoar Library, . . .	Sarah F. White.
Longmeadow, . . .	Longmeadow Town Library, . . .	Mrs. C. S. Gates.
LOWELL, . . .	City Library of Lowell, . . .	Frederick A. Chase.
Ludlow, . . .	Hubbard Memorial Library, . . .	Mary Adams Birnie.
Lunenburg, . . .	Lunenburg Public Library, . . .	L. Frances Jones.
LYNN, . . .	Lynn Free Public Library, . . .	John C. Houghton.
Lynnfield, . . .	Lynnfield Public Library, . . .	Elizabeth W. Green.
MALDEN, . . .	Malden Public Library, . . .	Lizzie A. Williams.
Manchester, . . .	Manchester Public Library, . . .	Delucena L. Bingham.
Mansfield, . . .	Mansfield Public Library, . . .	Grace M. Cobb.
Marblehead, . . .	Abbot Public Library, . . .	Mary Gerry Brown.
Marion, . . .	Tabor Library, . . .	Mary E. Allen.
MARLBOROUGH, . . .	Marlborough Public Library, . . .	Sarah E. Cotting.
Marshfield, . . .	Marshfield Free Library, . . .	Joshua T. Baker.
Mashpee, . . .	Mashpee Public Library, . . .	Clara Collins.
Mattapoisett, . . .	Mattapoisett Free Public Li- brary, . . .	{ Clara F. Sherman. Sarah W. Hiller.
Maynard, . . .	Maynard Public Library, . . .	Sarah F. Nyman.
Medfield, . . .	Medfield Public Library, . . .	Lucretia M. Johnson.
MEDFORD, . . .	Medford Public Library, . . .	Mary E. Sargent.
Medway, <i>West</i> , . . .	Medway Free Public Library, . . .	Carrie E. Blake.
<i>Medway Village</i> , . . .	Dean Library, . . .	Miss Newell.
MELROSE, . . .	Melrose Public Library, . . .	Carrie M. Worthen.
Mendon, . . .	Taft Public Library, . . .	Annie Kinsley.
Merrimac, . . .	Merrimac Public Library, . . .	Louise C. Brackett.
Methuen, . . .	Nevins Memorial Library, . . .	Harriet L. Crosby.
Middleborough, . . .	Middleborough Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Adelaide K. L. Thatcher.
Middlefield, . . .	Middlefield Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Lucy S. Newton.
Middleton, . . .	Flint Public Library, . . .	Samuel A. Fletcher.
Milford, . . .	Milford Town Library, . . .	Nathaniel F. Blake.
Millbury, . . .	Millbury Town Library, . . .	Carolyn C. Waters.
Millis, . . .	Millis Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. A. Macdonough.
Milton, . . .	Milton Public Library, . . .	Gertrude E. Forrest.
Monroe, . . .	Monroe Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. W. L. Allen.
Monson, . . .	Monson Free Library and Reading Room Association.	Nellie F. Squier.
Montague, . . .	Montague Public Library, . . .	Kate A. Armstrong.
<i>Turner's Falls</i> , . . .	Montague Public Library, Turner's Falls Branch.	N. P. Farwell.
Monterey, . . .	Monterey Free Library, . . .	S. Louise Bidwell.
Montgomery, . . .	Montgomery Free Public Li- brary, . . .	Mrs. D. L. Allyn.
Mount Washington, . . .	Mount Washington Public Li- brary, . . .	Howard D. Lamson.
Nahant, . . .	Nahant Public Library, . . .	May W. Perkins.
Nantucket, . . .	Nantucket Athenaeum, . . .	Sarah F. Barnard.
Natick, . . .	Morse Institute Library, . . .	Mira R. Partridge.
<i>South Natick</i> , . . .	Bacon Free Library, . . .	Mrs. Adelaide Williams.
Needham, . . .	Needham Free Public Library, . . .	Riella J. Dunn.
New Ashford, . . .	New Ashford Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Charles S. Baker.
NEW BEDFORD, . . .	Free Public Library of the City of New Bedford.	George H. Tripp.
New Braintree, . . .	New Braintree Public Library, . . .	Carrie F. Bush.
New Salem, . . .	New Salem Public Library, . . .	Wilnah V. Marshall.
NEWBURYPORT, . . .	Newburyport Public Library, . . .	John D. Parsons.
New Marlborough, . . .	New Marlborough Public Li- brary, . . .	Rev. Edwin C. Gillette.
NEWTON, . . .	Newton Free Library, . . .	Elizabeth P. Thurston.
Norfolk, . . .	Norfolk Public Library, . . .	Walter L. Sykes.
NORTH ADAMS, . . .	North Adams Free Public Li- brary, . . .	Mabel Temple.
<i>Blackinton</i> , . . .	Oscar A. Archer Branch, . . .	Oscar A. Archer.
North Andover, . . .	North Andover Public Library, . . .	Hannah J. Quealy.
North Attleborough, . . .	Richards Memorial Library, . . .	Leda J. Thompson.
North Brookfield, . . .	North Brookfield Free Public Library and Reading-room.	Margaret Leach.
North Reading, . . .	Flint Memorial Library, . . .	Addie W. Gowing.
NORTHAMPTON, . . .	Northampton Public Library, . . .	Caroline S. Laidley.
NORTHAMPTON, . . .	Forbes Library, . . .	Charles A. Cutter.
<i>Florence</i> , . . .	Lilly Free Library, . . .	Mary A. Fuller.
Northborough, . . .	Northborough Free Library, . . .	E. Josephine Yates.
Northbridge, . . .	Whitinsville Social Library, . . .	Mrs. W. H. Fuller.
Northfield, . . .	Dickinson Memorial Library, . . .	Mrs. F. J. Stockbridge.

Names of Free Public Libraries and Names of Librarians — Con.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Norton,	Norton Public Library, . . .	Emily A. Titus.
Norwood,	Morrill Memorial Library, . .	Jane A. Hewett.
Oakham,	Oakham Free Public Library, . .	Frank E. Davis.
Orange,	Orange Free Public Library, . .	Grace H. Dawley.
Orleans,	The Snow Library,	Hiram Myers.
Otis,	Free Public Library of Otis, . .	Mrs. Olive J. Davidson.
Oxford,	Oxford Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Clara A. Fuller.
Palmer,	Young Men's Library Association.	Charles B. Fiske.
Paxton,	Paxton Free Public Library, . .	Cora R. Kirby.
Peabody,	Peabody Institute Library, . .	Lyman P. Osborn.
Peabody,	Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library.	Augusta F. Daniels.
Pelham,	Pelham Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Mary A. Keith.
Pembroke,	Pembroke Free Library, . . .	Ellen F. Cox.
Bryantville,	Cobb Memorial Library, . . .	Mrs. Julia Morton.
Pepperell,	Pepperell Public Library, . . .	Mrs. M. Fannie Shattuck.
Peru,	Free Public Library of Peru, . .	Arthur Pike.
Petersham,	Petersham Memorial Library, . .	Mrs. Marietta Goddard.
Phillipston,	Phillips Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Tina H. Chaffin.
PITTSFIELD,	Berkshire Athenæum,	Harlan H. Ballard.
Plainfield,	Plainfield Public Library, . . .	Hattie G. Parker.
Plymouth,	Plymouth Public Library, . . .	Nellie Thomas.
North Plymouth,	Loring Reading Room,	Sara C. Van de Carr.
Plympton,	Plympton Free Public Library, . .	John Sherman.
Prescott,	Prescott Free Public Library, . .	Henry L. Berry.
Princeton,	Princeton Public Library, . . .	Susie A. Davis.
Provincetown,	Provincetown Public Library, . .	Abbie C. Putnam.
QUINCY,	Thomas Crane Public Library, . .	Amelia L. Bumpus.
Randolph,	Turner Free Library,	Dr. Charles C. Farnham.
Raynham,	Raynham Free Library,	Mrs. Edith T. Burt.
North Raynham,	North Raynham Library Association.	Mrs. Mary H. Barton.
Reading,	Reading Public Library,	Lizzie S. Cox.
Rehoboth,	The Blanding Library,	William H. Marvel.
Revere,	Revere Public Library,	Harriet T. Fenno.
Richmond,	Free Public Library of Richmond.	Rev. T. C. Luce.
Rochester,	Free Public Library,	Sarah A. Haskell.
Rockland,	Rockland Public Library, . . .	Angela W. Collins.
Rockport,	Rockport Public Library, . . .	Elsie M. Dann.
Pigeon Cove,	Pigeon Cove Library,	Lillie Aspegren.
Rowe,	Rowe Town Library,	Mrs. Alice E. Newell.
Rowley,	Rowley Free Public Library, . .	Catharine N. Mighill.
Royalston,	Raymond Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Emeline E. MacKenzie.
Russell,	Russell Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. A. W. Goodrich.
Rutland,	Rutland Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. E. J. Prouty.
SALEM,	Salem Public Library,	Gardner M. Jones.
Salisbury,	Salisbury Free Public Library, . .	Hannah Buswell Coffin.
Sandisfield,	Sandisfield Free Public Library.	Mrs. Ella E. M. Ward.
Sandwich,	Sandwich Free Public Library, . .	Annie A. Rogers.
Saugus,	Saugus Free Public Library, . .	Emma E. Newhall.
Savoy,	Savoy Free Public Library, . .	W. F. Briggs.
Scituate,	Satuit Library,	E. A. Tilton.
North Scituate,	Peirce Memorial Library, . . .	Blanche C. Gardner.
Seekonk,	Seekonk Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. Sarah J. Marsh.
Sharon,	Sharon Public Library,	Helen A. Lake.
Sheffield,	Sheffield Free Town Library, . .	Emma A. Baker.
Shelburne,	Shelburne Free Public Library, . .	Mary Richmond.
Shelburne Falls,	Arms Library,	Mercy A. Anderson.
Sherborn,	Sherborn Town Library,	Daniel W. Wilcox.
Shirley,	Shirley Public Library,	M. Nellie Clark.
Shrewsbury,	Shrewsbury Free Public Library.	Estelle E. Ely.
Shutesbury,	Shutesbury Free Public Library.	Mabel E. Knowlton.
Somerset,	Somerset Free Public Library, . .	Mary L. Clark.
SOMERVILLE,	Somerville Public Library, . . .	Helen Tallman.
South Hadley,	South Hadley Public Library, . .	Sam Walter Foss.
South Hadley Falls,	South Hadley Public Library, . .	Mrs. John Burnett.
Southampton,	Southampton Library Association.	Carrie E. Bardwell.
		Julia B. Strong.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Southborough, . . .	Fay Library, . . .	Francena E. Buck.
Southbridge, . . .	Southbridge Public Library, . .	Ella E. Miersch.
Southwick, . . .	Free Public Library of South- wick.	W. B. Harding.
Spencer, . . .	Richard Sugden Public Library,	Nellie A. Cutter.
SPRINGFIELD, . . .	City Library Association of Springfield.	John Cotton Dana.
Sterling, . . .	Sterling Free Public Library,	Mary D. Peck.
Stockbridge, . . .	The Stockbridge Library Asso- ciation.	Caroline P. Wells.
Stoneham, . . .	Stoneham Free Public Library,	Mrs. Marilla H. Boyce.
Stoughton, . . .	Stoughton Public Library, . .	M. Alice Burnham.
Stow, . . .	Randall Memorial Library, . .	Susan M. Lawrence.
Sturbridge, . . .	Joshua Hyde Public Library, . .	Emily M. Haynes.
Sudbury, . . .	The Goodnow Library, . . .	Mary L. Cutter.
Sunderland, . . .	Sunderland Public Library, . .	Abbie T. Montague.
Sutton, . . .	Sutton Free Library, . . .	Mrs. Sarah M. Mills.
Manchaug, . . .	Sutton Free Library, . . .	Francis Trescott.
South Sutton, . . .	Sutton Free Library, . . .	E. J. Barnes.
West Sutton, . . .	Sutton Free Library, . . .	Jason Waters.
Wilkinsonville, . . .	Sutton Free Library, . . .	Augusta Houghton.
Swampscott, . . .	Swampscott Public Library, . .	S. Louise Honors.
Swansea, . . .	Swansea Free Public Library,	Julia R. Wellington.
TAUNTON, . . .	Taunton Public Library, . . .	Joshua Eddy Crane.
Templeton, . . .	Boynnton Public Library, . .	H. F. Lane.
Tewksbury, . . .	Tewksbury Public Library, . .	Leona Frances FitzGerald.
Tisbury, . . .	Vineyard Haven Library, . .	Mabel T. Tilton.
Tolland, . . .	Tolland Free Library, . . .	Wilbert Munn.
Topsfield, . . .	Topsfield Town Library, . . .	Albert M. Dodge.
Townsend, . . .	Townsend Public Library, . .	Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren.
Truro, . . .	Truro Town Library, . . .	Mrs. Laurena A. Ryder.
Tyngsborough, . . .	Tyngsborough Public Library,	Ellen Lydia Perham.
Tyringham, . . .	Tyringham Free Public Li- brary.	Mrs. George R. Warren.
Upton, . . .	Upton Town Library, . . .	Mrs. Laura C. Sadler.
Uxbridge, . . .	Thayer Memorial Library, . .	Beatrice Putnam.
Wakefield, . . .	Beebe Town Library, . . .	Mrs. Harriet A. Shepard.
Wales, . . .	Wales Public Library, . . .	Willis Chamberlin.
Walpole, . . .	Walpole Public Library, . . .	Nettle S. Gough.
WALTHAM, . . .	Waltham Public Library, . .	Mrs. Mary E. Bill.
Ware, . . .	Young Men's Library Associa- tion.	Harriet B. Hayden.
Wareham, . . .	Wareham Free Library, . . .	Mrs. Harriet P. Harlow.
Warren, . . .	Warren Public Library, . . .	Joseph G. Hastings.
Warwick, . . .	Warwick Free Library, . . .	Clara A. Jones.
Watertown, . . .	Free Public Library of Water- town.	Solon F. Whitney.
Wayland, . . .	Wayland Town Library, . . .	Mrs. M. T. S. Small.
Webster, . . .	Webster Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Phoebe R. Kingsbury.
Wellesley, . . .	Wellesley Free Library, . . .	Julia F. Jennings.
Wellfleet, . . .	Free Public Library of Well- fleet.	Kate E. Brown.
Wendell, . . .	Wendell Free Library, . . .	Julia DeWolf Kavana.
Wenham, . . .	Wenham Public Library, . . .	Benjamin H. Conant.
West Boylston, . . .	West Boylston Public Library,	Susie E. Jewell.
West Bridgewater, . . .	West Bridgewater Public Li- brary.	Mary L. Perkins.
West Brookfield, . . .	Merriam Public Library, . . .	Florence A. Johnson.
West Newbury, . . .	West Newbury Public Library,	Caroline Carr.
West Springfield, . . .	West Springfield Public Li- brary.	Daniel G. White.
West Stockbridge, . . .	West Stockbridge Free Library,	Frances J. Edwards.
West Tisbury, . . .	West Tisbury Free Public Li- brary.	Cyrus Manter.
Westborough, . . .	Westborough Public Library, . .	Martha J. Eastman.
Westfield, . . .	Westfield Athenæum, . . .	George Stockwell.
Westford, . . .	J. V. Fletcher Library, . . .	Mary P. Bunce.
Westhampton, . . .	Reunion Library of Westhamp- ton.	George E. Knight.
Westminster, . . .	Westminster Town Library, . .	Mary Belle Hager.
Weston, . . .	Weston Town Library, . . .	Elizabeth S. White.
Westport, . . .	Westport Free Public Library,	Annie R. Howland.
Westwood, . . .	Westwood Public Library, . .	Annie L. Richardson.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	Name of Library.	Name of Librarian.
Weymouth, . . .	The Tufts Library, . . .	Caroline A. Blanchard.
South Weymouth, . . .	Fogg Memorial Library, . . .	Mary D. Vaughan.
Whately, . . .	Whately Public Library, . . .	Mary R. Gould.
Whitman, . . .	Whitman Public Library, . . .	Ellena S. Spilsted.
Wilbraham, . . .	Free Public Library, . . .	Minnie M. Morgan.
Williamsburg, . . .	Meekins Memorial Library, . . .	Mrs. Anna J. Hawks.
Haydenville, . . .	Haydenville Free Library, . . .	Charles A. Phillips.
Williamstown, . . .	Williamstown Public Library, . . .	Lucy F. Curtis.
Blackinton, . . .	Oscar A. Archer Branch of North Adams Library.	O. A. Archer.
South Williamstown, . . .	South Williamstown Public Li- brary.	Lucy Torrey Sanford.
Wilmington, . . .	Wilmington Public Library, . . .	Anna T. Sheldon.
Winchendon, . . .	Winchendon Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Sylvia M. Manzer.
Winchester, . . .	Winchester Public Library, . . .	Cora A. Quimby.
Windsor, . . .	Windsor Free Public Library, {	Mrs. Alice M. Nichols.
		Mrs. Darius Bird.
		Mrs. Joel S. Shaw.
Winthrop, . . .	Winthrop Public Library, . . .	Flora L. Pomroy.
WOBURN, . . .	Woburn Public Library, . . .	William R. Cutter.
WORCESTER, . . .	Free Public Library of the City of Worcester.	Samuel S. Green.
Worthington, . . .	Worthington Free Library, . . .	Katharine M. Rice.
Wrentham, . . .	Wrentham Public Library, . . .	Mary A. Smith.
Yarmouth, . . .	Yarmouth Library Association, . . .	Mrs. Lydia C. Matthews.
South Yarmouth, . . .	South Yarmouth Library, . . .	Mrs. Tamsen S. Baker.
West Yarmouth, . . .	West Yarmouth Library, . . .	Mrs. Cordelia C. Baker.

APPENDIX III.

A ROLL OF HONOR.

LIST OF GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

ACTON,	Gift of Hon. William A. Wilde of Malden.
AMESBURY,	Bequest of Mary A. Barnard and others.
AMHERST, NORTH,	Mainly the gift of citizens.
ANDOVER,	Gift of citizens.
ARLINGTON,	Gift of Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her husband.
ASHBURNHAM,	Gift of George F. Stevens.
AYER,	Gift of Frederick F. Ayer of New York.
BARNSTABLE,	Gift of Hon. William Sturgis of Boston.
BARRE,	Gift of Henry Woods of Boston.
BECKET,	Gift of Miss Blanche Perkins, as a memorial of her parents.
BELCHERTOWN,	Bequest of John Francis Clapp.
BELMONT,	Gift of Henry O. Underwood.
BERNARDSTON,	Gift of Hon. Henry W. Cushman.
BILLERICA,	Gift of Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
BLANDFORD,	Gift of Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hartford, as a memorial of her son, Edgar Sheffield Porter.
BOURNE,	Gift of Miss Emily H. Bourne, as a memorial of her father, the Hon. Jonathan Bourne.
BRAINTREE,	Gift of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer.
BROOKFIELD,	Gift of William A. Banister of New York.
CAMBRIDGE,	Gift of Frederick H. Rindge of Los Angeles.
CANTON,	Gift of Augustus Hemmenway.
CARLISLE,	Gift of Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury.
CHARLEMONT,	Gift of E. R. Goodnow and other citizens.
CHATHAM,	Gift of Hon. Marcellus Eldredge.
CHELMSFORD,	Gift of Amos F. Adams of Boston.
CHELSEA,	Gift of Hon. Eustace C. Fitz.
CONCORD,	Gift of William Munroe.
CONWAY,	Gift of Hon. Marshall Field of Chicago, as a memorial of his parents.
CUMMINGTON,	Gift of William Cullen Bryant.
DALTON,	Gift of the Crane family.
DANVERS,	Gift of George Peabody.
DARTMOUTH, SOUTH,	Gift of John H. Southworth of Springfield.
DEDHAM,	Bequests and gifts of citizens.
DEERFIELD,	Bequest of Mrs. Esther Dickinson.
DENNIS,	Bequest of Jacob Sears.
DUXBURY,	Gift of Mrs. George W. Wright, as a memorial of her son, George Buckham Wright.
EAST BRIDGEWATER,	Gift of Cyrus Washburn of Wellesley.
EASTHAMPTON,	Gift of Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
EASTON,	Gift of Hon. Oliver Ames and Mrs. Sarah L. Ames.
ESSEX,	Bequest of T. O. H. P. Burnham of Boston.
EVERETT,	Gift of Albert M. Parlin, as a memorial of his son.
EVERETT (<i>Glendale</i>),	Bequest of William Shute.
FAIRHAVEN,	Gift of Henry H. and Abbie P. Rogers, as a memorial of their daughter, Millicent.
FITCHBURG,	Gift of Hon. Rodney Wallace.
FRANKLIN,	Gift of daughters of Hon. Joseph G. Ray, as a memorial to their father.

FREETOWN, . . .	Gift of Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell, as a memorial of her father, Hon. Guilford B. Hathaway.
GARDNER, . . .	Gift of children of Levi Heywood.
GEORGETOWN, . . .	Gift of George Peabody.
GLOUCESTER, . . .	Gift of Samuel E. Sawyer.
GRANVILLE, . . .	Gift of Hon. M. B. Whitney and others.
GROTON, . . .	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Sibley.
HARVARD, . . .	Mainly the gift of natives of the town.
HATFIELD, . . .	Bequest of Samuel H. Dickinson.
HAVERHILL, . . .	Gift of Hon. E. J. M. Hale and other citizens.
HINGHAM, . . .	Gift of Hon. Albert Fearing.
HINSDALE, . . .	Gift of citizens.
HOLDEN, . . .	Gift of Hon. Samuel C. Gale of Minneapolis.
HOLYOKE, . . .	Gift of citizens.
HOPEDALE, . . .	Gift of Joseph B. Bancroft, as a memorial of his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Thwing Bancroft.
HOPKINTON, . . .	Gift of natives and residents of the town.
HUBBARDSTON, . . .	Gift of Jonas G. Clark of Worcester.
IPSWICH, . . .	Gift of Capt. Augustine Heard.
KINGSTON, . . .	Bequest of Frederic C. Adams.
LANCASTER, . . .	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and his sons.
LAWRENCE, . . .	Gift of Mrs. N. G. White and Miss E. A. White.
LEICESTER, . . .	Gift of Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, David E. Merriam and others.
LENOX, . . .	Gift of Mrs. Adeline E. Schermerhorn.
LEXINGTON, . . .	Gift of Mrs. Maria Cary.
LINCOLN, . . .	Gift of George Grosvenor Tarbell.
LITTLETON, . . .	Gift of children of William Stevens Houghton, as a memorial of their father.
LUDLOW, . . .	Gift of heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
LYNN, . . .	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shute, as a memorial of her husband.
MALDEN, . . .	Gift of Hon. Elisha S. Converse and his wife, as a memorial of their son.
MANCHESTER, . . .	Gift of Thomas Jefferson Coolidge.
MANSFIELD, . . .	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble and others.
MARBLEHEAD, . . .	Bequest of Benjamin Abbot of Boston.
MARION, . . .	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford.
MARSHFIELD, . . .	Bequest of Seth J. Ventress.
MEDFORD, . . .	Gift of Thatcher Magoun.
METHUEN, . . .	Gift of heirs of David Nevins.
MIDDLETON, . . .	Bequest of Hon. Charles L. Flint.
MONSON, . . .	Gift of Mrs. Carrie R. Dale, as a memorial of her father, Horatio Lyon.
NATICK, . . .	Bequest of Miss Mary Ann Morse.
<i>South Natick,</i> . . .	Bequest of Oliver Bacon.
NEWBURYPORT, . . .	Gift of citizens.
NEWTON, . . .	Gift of J. Wiley Edmunds and other citizens.
NORTH ADAMS, . . .	Gift of Hon. Albert C. Houghton, as a memorial of his brother, Andrew Jackson Houghton.
NORTHAMPTON, . . .	Bequest of John Clarke, supplemented by other gifts and by the city.
NORTHAMPTON, . . .	Bequest of Hon. Charles Edward Forbes.
<i>Florence,</i> . . .	Gift of Alfred T. Lilly.
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, . . .	Gift of children of Edmund I. and Lucy N. Richards, as a memorial of their parents.
NORTHBOROUGH, . . .	Gift of Cyrus Gale.
NORTH BROOKFIELD, . . .	Mainly the gift of Erasmus Haston.
NORTHFIELD, . . .	Gift of Elijah M. Dickinson of Fitchburg.
NORTH READING, . . .	Gift of Mrs. Charles L. Flint.
NORTON, . . .	Gift of Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
NORWOOD, . . .	Gift of George H. Morrill and wife, as a memorial of their daughter, Miss Sarah Bond Morrill.
ORLEANS, . . .	Built partly by subscriptions.

PEABODY,	Gift of George Peabody.
PEMBROKE (<i>Bryantville</i>),	Gift of Mrs. Rozilla Cobb.
PEPPERELL,	Bequest of Charles F. Lawrence of New York.
PETERSHAM,	Built mainly by subscriptions.
PITTSFIELD,	Gift of Hon. Thomas Allen.
PLYMOUTH,	Gift of daughters of William G. Russell.
PRINCETON,	Gift of Edward A. Goodnow, as a family memorial.
PROVINCETOWN,	Gift of Hon. Nathan Freeman.
QUINCY,	Gift of heirs of Thomas Crane.
RANDOLPH,	Gift of heirs of Col. Royal Turner.
REHOBOTH,	Gifts of Darius Goff of Pawtucket, R. I.
ROCHESTER,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard of New Bedford.
SALEM,	Gift of heirs of Capt. John Bertram.
SCITUATE, NORTH,	Gift of Silas Peirce of Boston, as a memorial of his wife.
SHIRLEY,	Built mainly by bequest of Mrs. Betsey D. Hazen.
SOUTHBRIDGE,	Gift of Holmes Ammidown of New York.
SPENCER,	Gift of Richard Sugden.
SPRINGFIELD,	Gift of the City Library Association.
STERLING,	Gift of Edward Conant of Worcester, as a memorial of his daughter, Elizabeth Anne.
STOCKBRIDGE,	Gift of Hon. John Z. Goodrich.
STOW,	Gift of Miss Belinda Lull Randall, for estate of John Witt Randall.
STURBRIDGE,	Bequest of George B. Hyde of Boston, as a memorial of his father, Joshua Hyde.
SUDBURY,	Bequest of John Goodnow of Boston.
SUNDERLAND,	Gift of John Long Graves.
SWANSEA,	Gift of Hon. F. S. Stevens.
UXBRIDGE,	Gift of Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene, N. H.
WARE,	Gift of Hon. William Hyde and others.
WARREN,	Gift of Nathan Richardson and others.
WATERTOWN,	Built by Hollis H. Hunnewell and others.
WAYLAND,	Bequest of Warren Gould Roby.
WELLESLEY,	Gift of Hollis H. Hunnewell.
WEST BROOKFIELD,	Gift of Charles Merriam of Springfield.
WESTFORD,	Gift of Hon. John Varnum Fletcher.
WESTMINSTER,	Bequest of Charles A. Forbush.
WESTWOOD,	Gift of Howard Colburn.
WEYMOUTH,	Gift of Quincy Tufts and his sister, Miss Susan Tufts.
<i>South Weymouth,</i>	Bequest of John S. Fogg.
WILLIAMSBURG,	Bequest of Stephen Meekins.
<i>Haydenville,</i>	Gift of Miss Anna Hayden.
WOBURN,	Bequest of Charles Bowers Winn, as a memorial of his father.
WRENTHAM,	Gift of heirs of Hon. Josiah J. Fiske.
YARMOUTH,	Gift of Nathan Matthews of Boston.

APPENDIX IV.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS
OF
MASSACHUSETTS.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

[REVISED LAWS, 1902, CHAPTER 38.]

GENERAL PROVISION.

SECTION 1. Library corporations and associations which have been legally established shall continue to have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and restrictions attaching thereto.

LAW LIBRARIES.

SECTION 2. Attorneys at law who have been admitted to practise in the courts of the commonwealth and who are resident in a county for which there is no law library association may organize as a corporation, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-five, by the name of the Law Library Association for such county, and may adopt by-laws which shall be subject to the approval of the superior court.

SECTION 3. The inhabitants of the county shall have access to the library and may use the books therein, subject to the provisions of the by-laws.

SECTION 4. County treasurers shall annually pay to the law library associations in their respective counties all sums which are paid into the county treasuries during the year by the clerks of the courts, to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars in any one year. They may also pay to said associations such further sums as the county commissioners may consider are necessary and proper. All sums which are so paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libraries for the use of the courts and of citizens. The treasurer of the law library association, before receiving any money from the county treasurer, shall give bond, with sureties to the satisfaction of the commissioners, for the faithful application of such money, and that he will make a return annually to them, under oath, of the manner in which it has been expended.

SECTION 5. Each law library association shall be entitled to receive from the sergeant-at-arms, immediately after their publication, one copy of the legislative documents of the senate and house, the journal of the senate and the journal of the house.

CITY AND TOWN LIBRARIES.

SECTION 6. A city or town may establish and maintain public libraries for the use of its inhabitants, under regulations prescribed by the city council or by the town, and may receive, hold and manage any gift, bequest or devise for such library. The city council of a city or the selectmen of a town may place in such library the books, reports and laws which may be received from the commonwealth.

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARIES.

SECTION 7. A town which raises or appropriates money for the support of a free public library, or free public library and reading room, owned by the town, shall, at an annual meeting or special meeting, unless the same has been acquired entirely or in part through some gift or bequest which contains other conditions or provisions for the election of its trustees or for its care and management which have been accepted by the town, elect by ballot a board of trustees consisting of any number of persons, male or female, divisible by three, which the town determines to elect. When such board is first chosen, one-third thereof shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third shall be elected annually for the term of three years. The board shall, from its own number, annually choose a chairman and secretary and, if the town so votes, a treasurer, who shall give a bond similar to that given by the town treasurer, in an amount and with sureties to the satisfaction of the selectmen. The town treasurer shall act as treasurer of the board of trustees until the town otherwise directs.

SECTION 8. The board shall have the custody and management of the library and reading room and of all property owned by the town relating thereto. All money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance shall be expended by the board, and all money or property which the town may receive by gift or bequest for said library and reading room shall be administered by the board in accordance with the provisions of such gift or bequest.

SECTION 9. The board shall make an annual report to the town of its receipts and expenditures and of the property in its custody, with a statement of any unexpended balance of money and of any gifts or bequests which it holds in behalf of the town, with its recommendations.

SECTION 10. The provisions of the three preceding sections shall not apply to library associations, nor to a library organized under a special act.

BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 11. There shall be a board of free public library commissioners consisting of five persons, residents of the commonwealth, one of whom shall annually be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of five years. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof.

SECTION 12. No member shall receive any compensation, but the board may annually expend not more than five hundred dollars, payable by the commonwealth, for clerical assistance and for other necessary expenses. It shall annually in January make a report to the general court.

SECTION 13. The board shall advise the librarian or trustees of any free public library relative to the selection or cataloguing of books and any other matter pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library.

SECTION 14. Said board may, upon the application of the library trustees of a town which has complied with the provisions of sections sixteen and seventeen, and which has no free public library owned and controlled by the town, expend not more than one hundred dollars for books to be selected and purchased by said board and delivered to said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library.

SECTION 15. If a town, the valuation of which is not more than six hundred thousand dollars and which has a free public library, has complied with all laws relative to the maintenance of such library, and the trustees of the library provide, to the satisfaction of the board, for the distribution of books in different parts of the town where such distribution is necessary, by means of branch libraries or deliveries, and for practical and effective means of rendering the library useful to the teachers and scholars of the public schools in such town, the board may expend, in such amounts and at such times as they determine, not more than one hundred dollars for the purchase of books for each free public library owned and controlled by such town.

SECTION 16. A town shall not be entitled to the benefits of the three preceding sections until it accepts the same or has accepted the corresponding provisions of earlier laws and has elected a board of library trustees as provided in section seven, nor until said trustees have made provision satisfactory to said commissioners for the care and distribution of the books furnished by them.

SECTION 17. Such town shall, if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or over, annually appropriate from the dog tax, or otherwise provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, not less than fifty dollars; if such valuation was less than one million dollars and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand,

not less than twenty-five dollars ; and if such valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, not less than fifteen dollars.

APPROPRIATION OF MONEY FOR LIBRARIES.

Section 15, chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, provides that towns may appropriate money "for the establishment, maintenance or increase of a public library therein, and for the erection or provision of suitable buildings or rooms therefor."

"For maintaining a library therein to which the inhabitants have free access and of which they have the use, and for establishing and maintaining a public reading room in connection with and under the control of the managers of such library."

THE DOG TAX.

Section 163, chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, provides that money received for dog licenses and refunded to the towns shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools.

DEFACING OR WILFUL DETENTION OF BOOKS, PAPERS, ETC.

Sections 83 and 84, chapter 208 of the Revised Laws, provide that "whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript or statue which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

"Whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right, or wantonly and without cause, detains a book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript which belongs to a law, city, town or other public or incorporated library for thirty days after a notice in writing from the librarian thereof, containing a copy of this section and given after the expiration of the time which, by the regulations of such library, such book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or manuscript may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months."

DISTURBING PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Section 33, chapter 212 of the Revised Laws, provides that "whoever wilfully disturbs persons assembled in a public library, or a reading room connected therewith, by making a noise or in any other manner during the time when such library or reading room is open to the public shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or by a fine of not more than fifty dollars."